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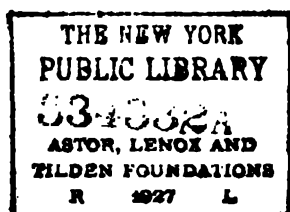
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*Of the Clergy and Lay Deputies who composed
the Convention.*

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of Christ Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's
Church, Burlington;

The Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Perth-Amboy;

The Rev. John Croes, Junr. Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Paterson, and Missionary;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ-Church. New-
ton;

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector of Trinity-Church,
Newark;

The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's, Freehold;

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedes-
borough;

The Rev. William L. Johnson, Rector of St. Michael's
Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbu-
ry, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. Matthew Matthews, Minister of Christ-Chapel,
Belleville;

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, Rector-Elect of St. John's
Church, Salem;

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Missionary to St. Peter's Church,
Morristown, St. James's Church, Knowlton, and St. Mark's
Church, Orange;

The Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector of St. John's Church, Eliza-
bethtown;

The Rev. William Bryant, Minister of St. Mary's Church,
Colestown, St. Peter's, Berkeley, and St. John's, Chew's
Landing:

The *Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D.* belonging to the Diocese of New-York ; but officiating, at St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, who was admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Philemon Dickerson, Mark W. Collet, Warren Haight, Andrew Parsons, and E. B. D. Ogden, Esqrs. from St. Paul's Church, Paterson ;

George Nelson, and Archer Gifford, Esqrs. from Trinity-Church, Newark ;

George C. Thomas, William Chetwood, Peter Kean, Thomas Salter, and J. J. Chetwood, Esqrs, from St. John's Church, Elizabethtown ;

Mr. Thos. G. Marsh, from St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy ;

Robert Boggs, William Lupp, and James Campbell, Esqrs. and Dr. Edward Carroll, from Christ-Church, New-Brunswick ;

Richard R. Morris, Esq. from Christ-Church, Newton ;

Dayton I. Canfield, and John R. Brown, Esqrs. from St. Peter's Church, Morristown ;

Messrs. Samuel Williams and John Williams, from St. Mark's Church, Orange ;

Messrs. Nicholas Haight, and Aaron Lyon, from St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-city ;

Jacob Van Wickle, Esq. and Mr. William Snowhill, from St. Peter's Church, Spotswood ;

Messrs. Joseph Voorhees and William Holmes, from Christ-Church, Shrewsbury ;

Andrew Allen, and John H. Carr, Esqrs. from St. Mary's Church, Burlington ;

Messrs. Abraham Browning, and Isaac Welsh, from St. Mary's Church, Colestown ;

Joseph V. Clark, and Thomas Chapman, Esqrs. and Mr. Charles Reeves, from St. Peter's Church, Berkeley ;

Mr. Jesse Avise and Charles C. Stratton Esqs. from Trinity-Church, Swedesborough ;

Mr. Enoch Aggins, from St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill ;

Daniel Garrison, and Thomas Sinnickson. Esqs. from St. John's Church, Salem.

JOURNAL, &c.

Paterson, May 30th, 1827.

This being the place and time, named in the constitution, for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, and several clergymen and lay deputies assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning service was read by the Rev. William L. Johnson, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Charles H. Wharton. D. D.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Chapman and Peter Kean Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of their appointment, which the lay deputies might present, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee, on examination, made report, that fifteen churches were duly represented.

The clergymen present, were

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. *Bishop.*
The Rev. Chas. H. Wharton, D. D.

James Chapman;	The Rev. Eli Wheeler;
— John Croes, Jun.	— Matthew Matthews;
— Clarkson Dunn;	— Christian F. Cruse;
— Henry P. Powers;	— Benjamin Holmes;
— John M. Ward;	— Smith Pyne;
— Simon Wilmer;	— William Bryant;
— Wm. L. Johnson;	— Edmund D. Barry D.D.

The lay deputies present, were

Philemon Dickerson,	Aaron Lyon,
Mark W. Collet,	Jacob Van Wickle,
Warren Haight,	William Snowhill,
Andrew Parsons,	Joseph Voorhees,
E. B. D. Ogden,	William Holmes,
George Nelson,	Andrew Allen,
George C. Thomas,	John H. Carr,
William Chetwood,	Abraham Browning,
Peter Kean,	Isaac Welsh,
Thomas Salter.	Joseph V. Clark.

J. J. Chetwood,
 Thomas G. Marsh,
 Robert Boggs,
 William Lupp,
 James Campbell,
 Dr. Edward Carroll,
 Richard R. Morris,
 Nicholas Haight,

Thomas Chapman.
 Charles Reeves,
 Jesse Avise,
 Charles C. Stratton,
 Enoch Aggins,
 Daniel Garrison,
 Thomas Sinnickson.

The number of Churches represented, being sufficient to constitute a Convention, the members were called to order by the President, and proceeded to business.

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. John Croes, Junr. was unanimously chosen.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes made application, for the admission into union, with this Convention, of two churches recently organized: the one at Morristown, denominated St. Peter's Church; and the other at Orange, termed St. Mark's Church. On motion, the application was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, and Robert Boggs and Peter Kean Esqs. to examine and report thereon.

It was moved, and resolved, that the Rev. Edmund D. Barry D. D. of the Diocese of New-York; but officiating as the minister of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-city, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn was appointed an assistant Secretary.

It was moved and carried, that the rules of order, adopted for the government of the Convention of 1826, be read, and adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes then read the address, required by a canon of the General Convention.

ADDRESS.

It is a cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, that we are permitted, my brethren of the clergy, and of the Laity, to convene again for the purpose of being informed of its state, in this diocese; and of adopting such further means as will best conduce to the continuance of its peace, unity, and prosperity. It ought also to excite our gratitude to the same Great Being, that although in this respectable town, in which we have assembled, an organized church of our communion did not exist three years since; yet through the Divine blessing one is now formed, which bids fair to become distinguished and highly respectable, and that the handsome and convenient temple in which we have this day worshipped, has, contrary to reasonable expectation, sprung so rapidly into existence.

In detailing to you the state of the Church in the Diocese, the particular churches which I have visited, and the other objects, required by the 45th canon of the General Convention; I begin with stating, that in the month of June, succeeding the last Convention, I visited St. Michael's Church at Trenton, and, on the 2d Sunday after Trinity, officiated, both morning and afternoon.

On Tuesday the 27th of the same month, I attended in New York in my capacity, as a member, the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of our Church. I also was present at the examination of the Students; and, on Friday of the same week, I attended the commencement of the senior class, on which occasion, I delivered, at the request of the faculty, the address, which custom had authorized.

The Seminary continues to prosper, the number of students increases, and their proficiency in theological knowledge does credit to themselves, and to their able instructors.

In the month of July, I visited the Episcopalians at Orange, and, on Sunday the 16th, I officiated, morning and afternoon, and also administered the communion. In the same month, I visited St. Thomas's Church at Alexandria, and, on the 9th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated in that Church.

In August, I visited St. Peter's Church at Morristown; and on the 12th Sunday after Trinity officiated twice, and administered the communion.

I also visited Christ-Church, Johnsonburgh; St. James's Church, Knowlton; and the Episcopalians at Belvidere in Warren County: and officiated in each. I was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Dunn and the Rev. Mr. Holmes, on these visits.

In the same month, I visited Christ-Church, at Newton, and on Sunday the 20th I preached twice, administered confirmation to four persons, and baptized an infant. On the next day, I again visited St. Peter's Church at Morristown, and officiated.

In September, I visited St. Peter's Church, at Perth Amboy, and, on the 15th Sunday after Trinity, officiated both morning and afternoon. The succeeding Sunday, I visited St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, and preached twice.

In the same month, I visited the congregation of St. Paul's Church, at Paterson, and, on Wednesday the 13th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, this neat and tasty edifice, under the denomination of St. Paul's Church. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the lessons, by the Rev. Mr. Ward, and the sermon was preached by myself.

At the same time, I instituted the Rev. John Croes, Junr. into the Rectorship of the above Church. The other clergymen, who attended on these interesting and solemn occasions, were the Rev. James Chapman, the Rev. William L. Johnson, the Rev. Eli Wheeler, the Rev. Matthew Matthews, the Rev.

Benjamin Holmes, and the Rev. Smith Pyne, of this Diocese ; the Rev. Lewis P. Bayard of the Diocese of New-York, and the Rev. Mr. Gilpin of the Church of England, officiating in the Diocese of Nova-Scotia.

On the following day, (Thursday the 14th of September, 1826) I held an Ordination, in the above named church, when I admitted to the holy order of Priests, the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, a Missionary in the Diocese. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Ward, the sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Chapman, and the Candidate presented by the Rev. J. Croes Junr. The Rev. Messrs. Dunn, Johnson, and Matthews, were also present, and assisted.

On the succeeding Sunday, I again officiated at this church, both morning and evening.

In the same month I visited, St. Peter's Church Freehold, and, on Saturday the 23rd. officiated in that church. On the succeeding day, (the 18th Sunday after Trinity) I again officiated there, both morning and afternoon. I was also on my way to fulfil an appointment which I had made to visit the churches at Shrewsbury and Middletown, but was arrested by a storm.

In October, I visited St. James's Church at Piscataway, and officiated. In the same month, I visited Trinity-Church at Newark, and, on the 21st Sunday after Trinity, officiated twice. I also visited in that month, Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, preached and catechised the children, on the 22d Sunday after Trinity ; and on the 23d, I visited St. John's Church, at Elizabeth-Town, preached twice, and administered confirmation to ten persons.

In the month of November, I attended the triennial meeting of the General Convention of our Church, in Philadelphia. It is a source of great satisfaction, that this supreme council of our Church, so important in its organization, in the United States ; and, under the Divine blessing, so conducive to its unity, harmony and extension ; has become an object of great and increasing interest, in the several Dioceses, whose representatives compose it. The number of its members is gradual-

ly but constantly augmenting at every successive session, by the admission of newly created Dioceses into the union, and the presence of their representatives : also by an increased punctuality in the attendance of the members generally. The Church in the state of Mississippi, recently organized into a Diocese, was admitted into union with the Church in the United States, at that session, and its deputies received into the Convention. Fifteen Dioceses were represented, nine Bishops, forty-four clerical, and thirty-one lay deputies were present ; besides, sixty-seven other clergymen of our communion, from several Dioceses attended, and were admitted to sit in the house during the hours of business.

From the reports, which were presented, by the several Dioceses, the state of the Church appears to have improved considerably (since the previous meeting of the General Convention) both as its respects numbers, zeal, and piety. The General Theological Seminary, instituted by the authority of the Church, was reported to be in a flourishing state, and the spacious and durable edifice erecting for the accommodation of the Professors and Students, nearly completed.

During the sitting of the Convention, I visited, on the 25th Sunday after Trinity, St. Mary's Church at Colestown, and officiated. I also baptized three children belonging to the congregation.

In the month of April, 1827, I visited St. Peter's Church, at Spotswood, and on the 1st Sunday after Easter, performed Divine service, and preached both morning and afternoon.

On Tuesday, the 1st of May succeeding, I again visited St. John's Church at Elizabeth Town ; and on Wednesday the 2d. I held an ordination in that Church, and admitted to the holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector-elect of said Church. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, the sermon was preached by the Rev. John Croes Junr. and the Candidate presented by the Rev. William L. Johnson. On the following day I instituted the Rev. Smith Pyne into the Rectorship of the Church aforesaid. Mr. Holmes

again conducted the morning service, and I preached the sermon on the occasion.

In the same month, I visited St. Andrew's Church, at Mount-Holly, and on Thursday the 10th, intended to preach there agreeably to appointment, but was prevented by a storm.

I visited on Sunday, the 13th of May, Trinity-Church, at Swedesborough, and officiated, both morning and evening. On the afternoon of the same day, I visited St. Peter's, Berkeley and also officiated. On Monday the 14th. I again preached at Swedesborough.

On Tuesday the 15th of May, I visited (accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer of Swedesborough) the Churches of Glassborough, and Mullica Hill, and officiated at both.

On Thursday of the same week, I attended as a member, at St. James's Church, Philadelphia, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

On the Sunday following, May the 20th. I visited, and officiated at St. George's Church Pennsneck, and St. John's Church, Salem; I also heard their Rector the Rev. Mr. Cruse examine the children of St. John's, in the catechism. The Catechumens of Trinity, Swedesborough, and St. Thomas's, Glassborough, were also examined, at their respective Churches, when I visited them.

I closed my visits for the year, commencing with the termination of the last Convention, by again visiting the Church in which we have now assembled, on Sunday last, and officiating both morning and afternoon.

The number of persons confirmed in the Diocese since the last sitting of the Convention is only fourteen.

The Rev. Smith Pyne lately a Deacon in the Diocese of New-York, has, by a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hobart, been transferred to this Diocese; and is now, as has been before mentioned, the instituted Rector of St. John's Church, at Elizabeth-Town.

The Rev. William Bryant, late a Deacon in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has, by a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Dr. White, been transferred to this Diocese, and has since, at my request, been ordained a Priest, by the same Rt. Rev. Bishop, and is now officiating at St Mary's church, Colestown, St. John's, Chew's landing, and at St. Peter's, Berkeley.

Two persons only have been ordained, since the last Convention ; both to the order of Priests.

Two institutions into Rectorships have taken place.

The state of the Diocese continues, under the Divine blessing, to improve, and the number of ministers has increased to eighteen. Twenty seven congregations have enjoyed stated Divine service, and the ministry of the word, during the greater part of the year just passed, and the rest occasional. The several funds established for the advancement of the Church in the Diocese, have increased, since last we assembled. The Episcopal fund, which had made but little progress for some time past, has lately received from a benevolent Friend to the Diocese a very liberal donation of \$500.

The Sunday schools, attached to most of the churches in the Diocese, have hitherto preserved their existence ; but for the want of some bond of union, by which uniformity both in the matter and manner of instruction, and an easy and less expensive access to suitable books, might be introduced, they have not been as beneficial as they might have been. It is therefore, with great pleasure, I mention, that these inconveniences have at length been removed, by the formation of "The General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union," which took place at Philadelphia, during the sitting of the late General Convention of our Church, and is composed of members of that Body, and other Episcopalians. It is hoped that every Sunday School of our communion which already exists, or shall hereafter be constituted in the Diocese, will attach itself to that General Union, and partake of the benefits which such union must necessarily produce both to the Church at large and each school.

in particular. Perhaps it might further the beneficial design, should the schools in the Diocese be constituted into a Society, auxiliary to the General one, and communicate with that body in this manner. I close my address with invoking the Great Head of the Church to add his blessings to our endeavours to promote the peace, unity, and prosperity, of that branch of it, which is under our care.

JOHN CROES.

Paterson, May 30, 1827.

The Committee appointed to examine the documents respecting the organization and incorporation of St. Peter's Church, at Morris Town, and of St. Mark's Church, at Orange, reported, that the proceedings, in both cases, had been regular and correct.

On motion, therefore, the above named churches were admitted into union with this Convention.

Dayton I. Canfield and John R. Brown, Esqrs. deputies from St. Peter's, Morristown, and Messrs. Samuel and John Williams, deputies from St. Mark's, Orange, accordingly presented their certificates of appointment, and took their seats.

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and make report thereon.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn, and Joseph V. Clark Esq. were appointed to this office.

Messrs. Nicholas Haight and Aaron Lyon deputies from St. Matthew's church, Jersey-City, asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sittings at half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 4 o'clock.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The parochial reports, presented by the Bishop, were now read, and are in substance as follow ;

The report of *Christ-Church, New Brunswick*, the *Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D.* Rector; states, that there are families in that church, about 58—individuals about 225—communicants (4 added, 4 removed) 45—baptisms, (4 administered abroad,) 13—marriages, 4—funerals (2 not belonging to the congregation) 7—catechumens, 30—Sunday-school scholars, about 50.

That the Association of Ladies of the congregation for missionary purposes, have this year contributed to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, fifty dollars to constitute their Rector, the Bishop of the Diocese, a Patron of that Institution.

That the Sunday-school of the church maintains its standing, and has become associated with the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Of *St. Paul's church, Paterson*, the *Rev. John Croes*, Rector, states, that there are families, in that Church, about 60*—communicants, 16—baptisms, 17—marriages, 4—Sunday-school scholars, regular attendants, about 45.

That, in August last, a number of the ladies of the congregation, formed themselves into a Society which has for its ultimate object, aiding the missionary fund of the Diocese; but the result of whose labours are to be appropriated to the use of this Church, until it shall be completed. Since the formation of the Society, sixty-two dollars have been furnished by them for the benefit of the church, arising from their subscriptions, the sale of their productions, and occasional contributions from others.

It further states, that the general concerns of the congregation are more encouraging than they were some time since. The Church, however, is still encumbered with debt.

Of *Christ-Chapel, Belleville*, the *Rev. Matthew Matthews*, Minister; families, and contributors, about 30—communicants, 20—baptisms, 11—marriages, 1—catechumens, 14. That the attendance on Divine service appears to be more uniform and regular than formerly.

Of *Trinity Church, Newark*, the *Rev. Henry P. Powers* Rector; families, about 69—communicants, (16 added, 2 deceased 12 removed) 72—baptisms (2 adults, 11 children) 13—marriages, 9—funerals (7 in the congregation, 8 others) 15.

* Although the number of Episcopal families in this town, may be fairly stated at 60; yet the Rector is sorry to be obliged to say that many of them seldom attend Divine service, or contribute to the support of the Church.

That the Rector is happy to state, that the general condition of the congregation is improving, its financial affairs essentially so; that an organ is constructing for the Church at an expense of a thousand dollars; besides which, several other improvements are in contemplation.

Of *St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey*, the *Rev. Edmund D. Barry D. D.* Minister; communicants, 16—baptisms, 10—funerals, 2. The prospect of the congregation continue to be encouraging. A growing attachment to the services of our Zion, is gradually but evidently manifesting itself; and as a necessary consequence, a deeper interest in religious knowledge, than formerly, and a more lively piety is cherished. A few individuals in the congregation, deserve commendation for the prudence and firmness with which, through good report, and evil report, they have maintained the cause and the rights of their church. Supported by such hands, and, under the blessing of a gracious Providence, she will eventually succeed in a manner equal to our best expectations. Hitherto the means used to frustrate our endeavours, in the cause of truth and sound principles, appear to have been over-ruled in our favour.

A Sunday school, that commenced several months ago, is now in successful operation. It is in contemplation to render it still more useful; and, perhaps in no part of the state are such exertions more necessary, than at Jersey, from the nature of the place, and the habits of the people.

Of *St. John's Church, Elizabethtown*, the *Rev. Smith Pyne*, Rector; families, about 83—communicants, [5 dead, 2 removed, 6 added,] 82—baptisms, 18—marriages, 3—funerals, 28.

The above report is only since July last, when the present Rector took charge of the congregation.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy*, the *Rev. James Chapman*, Rector; families, about 40—communicants, [3 added, 1 deceased,] 38—baptisms, 3—marriages, 7—funerals, [3 of the congregation, 16 of others,] 19.

Of *Christ Church, Newton*, the *Rev. Clarkson Dunn* Rector; families and contributors, about 50—communicants, 12—baptisms, 4—funerals, 16.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Spotswood*, *Rev. John M. Ward* Rector; families and contributors, 54—individuals, 190—communicants (one added) 23—baptisms (2 adults, 16 children) 18—catechumens, 34—marriages, 1—funerals, 2—Sunday School scholars, 61.

Of *St. Peter's Church, Freehold*, the *Rev. John M. Ward*,

In compliance with which, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	For the Bishop Croes- Schol- arship.		For the Miss. Fund.		For the Episco- pal Fund.	
	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
In the Church at Paterson - - -	00	00	6	80	22	55
the Chapel at Belleville - - -	19	60	3	50	2	00
Church at Newark - - -	00	00	00	00	3	00
City of Jersey - - -	00	00	6	81	00	00
Elizabethtown - - -	50	0	20	0	00	00
Orange, a contribution - - -	00	00	64	0	00	00
Morristown, a contribution - -	00	00	100	0	00	00
Newton - - -	11	0	00	00	00	00
Knowlton, a contribution - - -	00	00	26	371-2	00	00
Woodbridge - - -	00	00	7	511-2	00	00
Perth-Amboy - - -	8	63	7	10	4	00
New-Brunswick - - -	45	00	10	15	12	811-2
Spotswood - - -	5	40	00	00	00	00 00
Freehold - - -	00	00	1	31	00	00
Shrewsbury and Middletown - -	00	00	8	51	7	74
Trenton - - -	25	00	5	0	4	371-2
Alexandria - - -	00	00	64	00	00	00
Burlington - - -	14	00	7	20	10	50
Also a contribution from an association of ladies of that Church - - -	00	00	10	0	00	00
Mount Holly - - -	16	84	00	00	00	00
Berkeley - - -	00	00	5	0	00	00
Glassborough - - -	00	00	2	81	00	00
Swedesborough - - -	00	00	5	50	00	00
Salem - - -	6	36	5	61-4	00	00
Also a contribution from an association of ladies of that Church - - -	00	00	19	0	00	00
And from an association of young ladies, (pupils of Mrs. Cruse) aux. to do. -	00	00	8	35	00	00
Piscataway - - -	00	00	7	75	00	00

On motion, the clergymen were called on for their reports of services, rendered in conformity with the 4th permanent resolution of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he had officiated on one Sunday, in Christ-Church, New Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he officiated twice on a Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, twice at Woodbridge, and twice on a Sunday, at Christ-Church New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Powers reported, that he had officiated one Sunday, at New Brunswick, for the Bishop in his absence.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported, that he had officiated twice on

a Sunday, in Christ-Church New Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported, that he had officiated at Mullica Hill, Schull-town, Camden and Milleville.

The Rev. Rohn Croes Jun. reported, that he had preached, on one Sunday at New Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, and the Rev. Mr. Matthews, also reported, that they had preached one Sunday each, at New-Brunswick, in the Bishop's absence, visiting the Diocese.

The addition to the VIIIth. article of the Constitution proposed at the last Convention, was now called up, and, on motion, adopted.*

The substitute for the IIIId. Article of the Constitution, proposed by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, at the last Convention, was called up, and, on motion, postponed for consideration, till the next Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sittings, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, May 31, 1827.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Chapman.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Garrison and Mr. Snowhill requested and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Archer Gifford a lay deputy from Trinity Church, New-ark, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention resolved to proceed to the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention, for the ensuing year.

The election resulted in the choice of

The Rev. John Croes Junr.

James Chapman,

John M. Ward,

William L. Johnson,

Of the clergy,

For the Standing Committee.

Robert Boggs, Esqr.

James Parker, Esqr.

Dr. Edward Carroll,

Joseph Marsh Esqr.

Of the Laity,

* See 24th page of the Journal of 1826: and the Constitution as reprinted in this Journal.

And for Deputies to the General Convention ;	
Of the clergy.	Of the laity.
The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Peter Kean,
— J. Croes, Junr.	James Parker,
— C. Dunn,	Daniel Garrison,
— Wm. L. Johnson,	Thomas Chapman, Esqr.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, having performed that duty, and finding them correct, reported accordingly ; which report was accepted, and the accounts ordered to be appended to the Journal. [*See Appendix, No III.*]

On motion, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Bishop's Address, which relates to the Sunday-schools of the Diocese, and report thereon with all convenient speed. The Committee appointed were the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Ward, Col. Kean, and Major Chetwood.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the order of the Rt. Reverend Dr. Croes, the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars out of any monies that have accrued since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for the Episcopal fund.

Messrs. Browning and Welsh asked, and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Secretary then laid before the Convention a communication, which he had received from the Secretaries of the General Convention, containing certain resolutions of that Body made at its last session, relative to proposed alterations of the liturgy, and constitution of the Church, which by the constitution must be made known to the several State Conventions, before they shall be finally agreed to: which being read, it was, on motion, Resolved, that the communication be entered on the Journal, and the consideration of it be postponed to some future Convention.

The Communication from the Secretaries of the General Convention is as follows.

"To the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of New-Jersey."

New-York, December 20, 1826.

Sir,—We have the honour of transmitting to you, to be communicated to your Convention, the following extracts from the

Journal of the Proceedings of the late General Convention of our Church."

Extract from the Journal of the House of Bishops.

On motion of the Right Rev. Bishop Hobart, *Resolved*, "That the House of Bishops propose the following Preambles and Resolutions, to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies:

The House of Bishops, deeply solicitous to preserve unimpaired the Liturgy of the Church, and yet desirous to remove the reasons alleged, from the supposed length of the service, for the omission of some of its parts, and particularly for the omission of that part of the Communion office, which is commonly called the *Ante-Communion*, do *unanimously* propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following resolutions, to be submitted to the several State Conventions, in order to be acted upon at the next General Convention, agreeably to the VIIIth Article of the Constitution.

1. *Resolved*, That in "The order how the Psalter is appointed to be read," the following be added to the 4th paragraph—"or any other Psalm or Psalms;" except on those days on which proper psalms are appointed:—so that the whole paragraph will read as follows: "The Minister, instead of reading from the Psalter as divided for Daily Morning, and Evening Prayer, may read one of the Selections set out by this Church, or any other Psalm or Psalms, except on those days on which 'proper Psalms' are appointed."

2. *Resolved*, That in "The order how the rest of the Holy Scripture is appointed to be read," the following be inserted after the 5th paragraph. "The Minister may, at his discretion, instead of the entire Lessons, read suitable portions thereof, not less than 15 verses. And on other days than Sundays and Holy Days, in those places where Morning and Evening Prayer is not daily used, he may read other portions of the Old and New Testament, instead of the prescribed Lessons: it being recommended that unless circumstances render it inexpedient, on the stated Prayer Days of Wednesdays and Fridays, the Lessons for those days, or for one of the intervening days be read.

The Bishops, in the use of the office of Confirmation, finding that the preface is frequently not well suited to the age and character of those who are presented for this holy ordinance, *unanimously* propose the following resolution:

3. *Resolved*, That after the present preface in the office of Confirmation, the following be inserted, to be used instead of the former, at the discretion of the Bishop. "It appears from

Holy Scripture, that the Apostles laid their hands on those who were baptized, and this ordinance styled by the Apostle Paul, the 'laying on of hands,' and ranked by him among the principles of the doctrine of Christ, has been retained in the church, under the name of *Confirmation*, and is very convenient, and proper to be observed, to the end that persons being sufficiently instructed in what they promised, or what was promised for them in their baptism, and being in other respects duly qualified, may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the church, ratify and confirm the same, and also promise, that by the grace of God, they will evermore endeavor themselves faithfully to observe such things as they, by their own confession, have assented unto.

And to correct the injurious misapprehension, as to the meaning of certain terms, in the first collect in the office of confirmation, the Bishops *unanimously* propose the following resolution.

4. *Resolved*, That after the first collect in the office of Confirmation the following be inserted, to be used at the discretion of the Bishop, instead of the first collect, "Almighty and ever-living God, who hast vouchsafed in baptism, to regenerate these thy servants, by water and the Holy Ghost; thus giving them a title to all the blessings of thy covenant of grace and mercy, in thy Son Jesus Christ, and now dost graciously confirm unto them, ratifying the promises then made, all their holy privileges; grant unto them, we beseech thee O Lord, the renewing of the Holy Ghost; strengthen them with the power of this divine Comforter; and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge, and true godliness, and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen."

And whereas, in the opinion of the Bishops, there is no doubt as to the obligation of Ministers to say, on all Sundays and other Holy Days, that part of the Communion office which is commonly called the Ante-Communion, yet as the practice of some of the Clergy is not conformable to this construction of the Rubric on this point, the House of Bishops propose the following resolution.

5. *Resolved*, That the following be adopted as a substitute for the first sentence in the Rubric, immediately after the Communion office.

"On all Sundays and other Holy Days, shall be said, all that is appointed at the Communion, unto the end of the Gospel,

concluding divine service in all cases, when there is a sermon or communion, and when there is not, with the blessing.

Extract from the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"The resolutions received from the House of Bishops, on the subject of the Psalter &c. being under consideration, it was *resolved*, that this House concur in the resolutions of the House of Bishops."

Extract from the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

"*Resolved* by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the House of Bishops concurring, that it be made known to the several State Conventions of this Church, that it is proposed to consider of, and determine on, at the next General Convention, the propriety of altering the second clause of the eighth article of the Constitution of this Church, by adding the words, '*or the articles of religion,*' after the words, '*other offices of the Church.*'"

Extract from the Journal of the House of Bishops.

"A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing to make known to the several State Conventions, a proposition to consider of, and determine on the expediency of altering the second clause of the eighth article of the Constitution of this Church; which was concurred in by this house."

We certify the above to be true extracts from the Journal of the House of Bishops, and the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respectively, in the General Convention of 1826.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY,

Secretary of the House of Bishops.

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK,

Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address, as related to the Sunday-schools of the Diocese, reported the following resolution for the adoption of the Convention.

Resolved, that it is expedient to form a Diocesan Sunday-school Society, auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-school Union; and that the Committee be continued in order to report more fully at the next annual Convention.

On motion this report was adopted.

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, was now presented, read, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. [*See Appendix, No. I.*]

On motion, *Resolved*, that, as by the report of the Standing Committee, to whom was referred the office of making an application to the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporating this Convention, it is stated that **such act was granted**; the President of this Body be therefore authorized and requested to procure a common seal with a suitable inscription for the use of the Convention.

It was moved, and resolved, that the resolutions communicated to this Body, by the General Convention of our Church, respecting certain proposed alterations in the Liturgy, and in the Constitution of the Church, be read by the Minister of each Church in the Diocese, to his congregation, before the next annual Convention.

On motion, it was ordered, that so much of the Journal of the late General Convention, as relates to the state of the Church in the several Dioceses, and also new canons passed in that Body, be printed with the Journals of this Convention.

On motion *Resolved*, that the Standing Committee be requested to apply to the Hon. the Legislature of this State for such an alteration of the act for the incorporation of religious Societies, (so far as it concerns the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New Jersey,) as may adapt it to the Constitution and usages of said Church.

On motion, the Board of Directors of the Missionary fund made their annual report, which was read, accepted, and directed to be appended to the Journal. [*See Appendix, No. II.*]

It was moved, and ordered, that the Constitution of this Convention as altered and amended, since its last publication; together with the canons and permanent resolutions of the Church, in this Diocese, be printed with the Journal of this year. [*See Appendix, No. IV.*]

On motion, ordered, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following, as additional articles to the Constitution.

Whenever, in the course of Divine Providence, a Bishop is to be elected for this Diocese, it shall be requisite for two thirds of each order present, to concur in the choice.

No election can take place, unless notice of a contemplated election, shall have been given six months.

The minutes of the proceedings having been read; on motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

(ATTESTED) **JOHN CROES, JR. Secretary.**

✚ The next annual Convention will be held at Burlington. on the last Wednesday in May, 1828.

✚ *"Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that, at a meeting of the congregation of this church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry men."

**LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF
NEW-JERSEY,**

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, JUN. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, and Missionary.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's, Freehold.

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. JOHN GRIGG.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE, Rector-elect of St. John's Church, Salem.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Missionary to the vacant churches.

The Rev. SMITH PYNE, Rector, of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. WILLIAM BRYANT, Minister of St. Mary's Church, Coles-town, St. John's, Chew's Landing, and St. Peter's, Berkeley.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, officiates as Minister of St. Matthew's Church, City of Jersey.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

*Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Convention of
the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-
Jersey, for the year commencing May 31st 1826.*

New-Brunswick, August. 31, 1826.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

The Rev. J. Croes Junr.	James Parker, Esqr.
J. Chapman,	Joseph Marsh, Esqr.
W. L. Johnson	Robert Boggs, Esqr.
J. M. Ward.	Doct. Edward Carroll.

The Rev. John Croes Junr. was chosen President, and the Rev. Mr. Ward, Secretary.

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes made application for the testimonial required by the 12th canon, in order to his admission to the Holy Order of Priests, and having produced the requisite certificates, it was unanimously resolved, that the testimonial be granted to him.

The Rev. William L. Johnson and Robert Boggs Esqr. were appointed a committee to apply to the Legislature of the State, for a Charter of Incorporation for the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey.

The Committee adjourned.

New-Brunswick, March 23, 1827.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT.

Rev. John Croes Junr. President	James Parker, Esq.
Rev. James Chapman,	Robert Boggs Esqr.
Rev. John M. Ward.	Doct. Edward Carroll.

The Rev. Smith Pyne made application for the testimonial required by the 12th canon, preparatory to his admission to

Priests' orders. And having presented the necessary certificates, it was resolved to grant him the testimonial.

The Rev. William Bryant made application, through the Bishop, for the testimonial required by the 12th Canon in order to his admission to the Holy Order of Priests. The certificates being satisfactory, it was unanimously resolved, to grant him the testimonial.

The Committee appointed to apply to the Legislature of this State, for a Charter of Incorporation, for the Convention; reported that they had made the application, and that the Legislature had obligingly granted the prayer of their petition. The act of incorporation was laid before the Committee, and approved of. The Committee adjourned.

JOHN CROES, JR. *President.*

JOHN M. WARD, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.

The Board of Directors to whom is committed the appropriation of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention :

That they continue to employ the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, a missionary to some of the vacant Churches ; that

Mr. Holmes' report, is in the following words ;

To the Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. President of the Board of Directors of the Missionary fund of the Diocese of New Jersey.

RT. REV. SIR,—From the rising of the last Convention to the first of November following, I officiated on two Sundays in each month at Morristown, devoting the others to the churches at Alexandria, Piscataway, and Woodbridge, and the congregation at Orange. From the first of November to the present time, my services have been devoted to Morristown, as formerly, to the congregation at Orange, and to St. James's Church Knowlton, Warren county ;—this last receiving my services in the morning, and the towns of Hope and Belvidere, in the same county, alternately receiving them in the afternoon of the same day. In this way I have officiated at Alexandria on 4 Sundays, at Piscataway and Woodbridge 4 ; at Orange 11 ; at Morristown 24 ; and at Knowlton, Hope, and Belvidere 8. On one Sunday, I officiated at New-Brunswick in the absence of the Bishop ; and once at the house of Mr. Robert Sharp, Amwell. On other days I have officiated twice in the vicinity of the Church at Alexandria ; twice at Orange, 3 times at Morristown, once at Knowlton, 3 times at Hope, and once at Belvidere.—The whole number of times at which I have performed divine service and preached being 117.

The congregation at Orange has lately been incorporated under the name of the Wardens and Vestry of St. Mark's Church in Orange. The Vestry of this church are taking measures for the erection of a building for public worship, for which the sum of \$1000 has already been subscribed.



The congregation of St. Peter's Church at Morristown has been re-organized and also incorporated according to law. Measures are now taking for the erection of a church, and the sum of \$2000 has been subscribed. Measures have been taken, also, for the raising of a fund available hereafter to the partial support of a Minister.

In each of the places where I officiate the attendance of respectable numbers, the increasing interest that is manifested in the services of the church, and the serious attention which is displayed during the attendance in the house of prayer—afford ground for the indulgence of a pleasing hope, that the glory of God has been promoted and his people edified.

These particulars, and the facts before stated—both in themselves, and as they augur well for the increase of our Church both in numbers and piety, cannot but be regarded by your Missionary, as a cause of thankfulness to the Giver of increase, without whose blessing—Paul in vain would have planted and Apollos watered.

BENJAMIN HOLMES. *Missionary.*

That the residue of the vacant churches have been supplied, by the neighbouring ministers in the character of missionaries as to those churches, for which they have been partially remunerated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by order of the Board.

JOHN CROES, *President.*

Paterson, May 31, 1827.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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State of the Fund.

Bond No I	-	400 00	Bond No XXIV	-	\$260 00
Note No VII	-	150 00	Note	-	42 50
Note No IX	-	100 00	Bond	-	785 00
Bond No XIV	-	500 00	Do No XXV	-	250 00
Do No XIX	-	300 00	Interest due on Bonds 1, 21, 22, and Notes 7 & 9	-	154 00
Do No XXI	-	200 00	Balance in Treasury	-	745 023-4
Do No XXII	-	150 00			
Do No XXIII-	-	400 00			
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EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

1826	To cash paid to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Croes, by order of the Convention	170 00
June 21		
1827	To balance in the Treasury	129 411-2
May 30		\$299 411-2

State of the Fund.

Bond No. III	\$390 00
Note No. IV	100 00
Bond No. V	200 00
Bond No. VI	250 00
Bond No. VII	500 00
Bond No. VIII	The amount of a liberal donation made to the fund by the Rt. Rev. J. H. Hobart D.D.
Note No. IX	as residuary legatee of the late Mrs Sarah
Interest due on No. III, V, and VI.	25 00
Balance in Treasury	109 10
	129 411-2

\$299 411-2

1826	By cash received from Robt. Boggs Esq. acting for the late Treasurer	6 07
June 17	By interest, one year, on Bond No. VII	30 00
"	By do one year, on Bond No. III, from Mr. Boggs	26 60
"	By cash received from collections in several churches, for the Episcopal fund, as reported in the Journal of 1826, pages 22 and 23	67 961-2
Aug. 25	By interest, one year, on Note No. IV	7 00
"	By the half of Rev. S. Withner's subscription to the Fund	11 80
Mar. 22	By the Rev. Dr. Rudd's subscription to the Fund and interest	22 80
May 22	By the residue of the Rev. Mr. Withner's subscription	12 60
"	By interest, one year, on Note No. IV.	7 00
"	By cash received from collections in several churches, for the Episcopal fund, as reported in the Journal of 1827	76 98
"	By cash received for interest, one year, on Bond No. VII.	30 00

May 30, 1827.

Errors excepted.
Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

\$299 411-2

THE MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS
The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

1827		1828	
Jan. 15	To cash invested in Bond and Mortgage F	200 00	
Mar. 24	To do do do	250 00	
April 2	To do do do	250 00	
May 20	To do balance in the Treasury	181 77	
		\$1081 | 77	

1827		1828	
June 17	By cash received through Robert Boggs Esq. from William P. Deane's estate	59 80	
" "	By do. from the Rev. Dr. Rind, an installment	5 00	
" "	By do. received from Rev. Benjamin Holmes, for his subscription	15 00	
Aug. 25	By do. one year's interest on Note C	3 00	
Dec. 1827	By do. from the Rev. Mr. Johnson's subscription	50 00	
March 1	By do. for the principal and interest on Bond A	875 00	
" 9	By do. for the Rev. M. Mathews' subscription	10 00	
" "	By do. for two years' interest on Note B	12 00	
" "	By do. for the Rev. Mr. Ward's subscription	10 00	
May "	By Dr. Thomas Howard's subscription	18 00	
" "	By Mrs. Knazel's subscription	10 00	
" "	By cash for Rev. Mr. Holmes 2d subscription	15 00	
24 "	By cash for the Rev. Charles Smith's subscription	10 00	
30 "	By do. for the Rev. Mr. Johnson's 2d subscription	25 00	
" "	By do. from the collection in the churches of Elizabethtown, New-Brunswick, Trenton, Belleville, Mount Holly, Burlington, Newton, Perth-Amboy, Salem, and Spoutwood, as reported in the Journal of this year	15 00	
		\$201 97	

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If to this sum there be added the subscriptions uncollected, and the interest accruing on them, the fund will amount to nearly \$1800.

Errors excepted. Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

APPENDIX, NO. IV.

THE CONSTITUTION

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, as revised and adopted in a Convention, held at the city of Burlington, on the 1st and 2d days of May, 1811, and according to the several alterations and amendments adopted in subsequent Conventions.

I. There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State or Diocese, on the last Wednesday in May annually; to be held in rotation at the following places, viz. Newark, Mount-Holly, Shrewsbury, Elizabeth-Town, Trenton, Perth-Amboy, Salem, Paterson, Burlington, New-Brunswick and Swedesborough.

II. The Convention shall be composed both of clergymen and laymen.

III. Every Priest or Presbyter, who has been duly instituted Rector of any Church in this diocese and every Presbyter, who has been duly appointed a missionary to the vacant parishes of the same, shall be a member ex-officio. Clergymen, who have formerly been Rectors in this Diocese, but having resigned their charges, remain in it, or return to it, after a period of absence, may also become, and shall hereafter be considered as, members of this Convention, in full standing; provided all the instituted Rectors present, and all the congregations represented, at the meeting, when any such clergyman shall be proposed, give their votes in favour of it. Rectors-elect, and Deacons, who belong to the Diocese, and officiate statedly within it, are also admitted to seats, and may express their opinions on all questions that come before the Convention: but may neither vote, be appointed members of the Standing Committee, nor be elected delegates to the General Convention.

IV. The Laity shall consist of a representation comprising one, or more deputies from each incorporated, or otherwise regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese, which shall, on application, be admitted as a member of the Convention; such deputy or deputies, always being a member or

members of the Church, purporting to be represented, and residing in the State, and within the commonly reputed bounds of the congregation of said Church. These deputies shall produce to a committee, appointed to examine their credentials, certificates of their election, in the form following ;

[Name of the church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this church for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D. and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, (or if two vestry-men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present; otherwise, by one warden or two vestry-men, and the form of it shall annually be inserted at the end of the printed Journals.

No Church, hereafter instituted, in this Diocese, shall be considered a "regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church," in the sense expressed in the above article, and be entitled to a representation in this Convention, unless it be incorporated, and placed under the government of two Wardens, and, at least, five vestry-men; but any association of Episcopalians, consisting of not less than fifteen families, regularly organized, under Wardens and Vestrymen, may send a deputy to the Convention, who, on application, shall be admitted to a seat, and may take part in the regular business of the house: but shall not be eligible to any office, nor have the privilege of voting on any question, nor at any election.

V. The instituted Rectors, who may be present, at the time of meeting, with the deputies from five such Churches, shall constitute a quorum; but no measure shall be conclusive without the concurrence of a majority of votes of each order; the clergy voting individually, and the laity by congregations.

VI. The Bishop of the Diocese is the President of the Convention ex-officio. But, until a Bishop be elected and established, and, whenever vacancies occur in the Episcopal Chair, or the bishop be necessarily absent, the office of President shall devolve, in rotation, on the Rectors of the several Churches, according to the priority of the date of their Priests' Orders. The, absence of the Rector, who is by seniority entitled to the chair,

deprives him of his right in that course, and the next in order succeeds to his place.

VII. A Secretary to the Convention shall be appointed, at each annual meeting.

The President, whenever that office is held by a Rector, and the Secretary, shall continue in office, till the next stated Convention be organized.

VIII. A Treasurer shall also be appointed, who shall continue in office, during the pleasure of the Convention. He shall, if required, give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and present a statement of his accounts to each annual Convention. But in case the Treasurer should die, resign his office, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, during its recess; the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer to serve till the next succeeding Convention; who is authorized to receive any moneys, bonds, mortgages, or notes, that may be in the Treasury, at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

IX. At every annual Convention, Divine service shall be performed, and in cases in which the Bishop shall not deliver a Charge, a sermon, suitable to the occasion, shall be delivered previously to entering on business: and these religious exercises shall commence precisely at eleven o'clock, A. M. on the stated day of meeting.

X. The Standing Committee, to be appointed in pursuance of the fourth Canon of the General Convention, shall consist of members of both orders; and, in all cases in which it may be necessary for the said Committee to act, a majority of the members shall assemble; and their proceedings shall be recorded by the Secretary, and reported to the succeeding Convention.—The President of the Convention, for the time being, unless he be the Bishop, shall be President of the Standing Committee, with authority to assemble the members on necessary occasions.

XI. The Bishop, or the President, when the Episcopate is vacant, with the approbation of the Standing Committee, or at the request of the Vestries of two churches in the Diocese, expressed to him in writing, (any special circumstance requiring it) may call an occasional meeting of the Convention by a circular letter, addressed to the several churches, giving, if convenient, six, but not less than four weeks notice. Occasional meetings

shall always be held at the same place at which the annual meeting of the same year was held.

XII. The manuscript Journals, and all other papers of the Convention, shall be deposited with the Bishop of the Diocese, and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Chair, with the Secretary of the Convention for the time being.

XIII. When any alteration of this Constitution is proposed, the consideration of the proposition, if seconded, shall be deferred to the next annual Convention, and no decision shall then be had, unless two thirds of the instituted rectors in the Diocese, and representatives from ten churches be present.

CANONS.

I. Every clergyman of this Church, shall, under penalty of a censure of this Convention, in his life, manners, and conversation, demean himself consistently with the sacred office which he holds; and shall endeavour to profit the Church of God, having always in mind, that he ought to excel all others in purity of life, that, by example, as well as by precept, he may induce the people to live in a christian-like manner.

II. As in all transgressions of the Canons of the Church, the trial of the person offending, is committed by the General Convention to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which the offence is committed; whenever therefore, there may be no Bishop in the Diocese, a Bishop of one of the neighbouring states shall be requested to attend and preside, and, in all things, shall be considered as a member of the Convention.

III. In every church, which is supplied with a clergyman, divine service shall be performed, on the day of the election of church officers.

IV. No persons shall be eligible to an office in any church, nor be entitled to vote at an election for officers, unless he be a member of said church. Nor shall any person of an immoral

character be elected to the offices, either of Warden, Vestryman, or Deputy to the Convention.

V. No person shall be considered as a member, unless he has been baptized, professes to adhere to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and contributes to its support in the mode prescribed by the Vestry of that particular congregation, to which he belongs.

VI. In every congregation, the Church Wardens shall provide a proper book, in which the Minister, or, if the parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, agreeably to the 40th Canon of the General Convention, shall record the name, parents' names, and age of every person baptized, also the names of all persons married and buried in that congregation, and the time, when such baptism, marriage, or burial took place. And the person recording shall annex his name to such record.

VII. *Of the Presentment and Trial of Clergymen.*—Any Clergyman, chargeable with improper conduct, may be presented, in either of the following ways, viz:—By any two Presbyters of this Church; by the Wardens and Vestrymen of any Parish, with which the accused is, or may have been connected; or, by the Convention of this Diocese.

The party presenting, shall forward to the Bishop of the Diocese, a written accusation, specifying the charges, which they have reason to believe may be substantiated against the accused; and this presentment shall be signed with the names of the party presenting, in case two Presbyters, or the Vestry of a Parish present; but when the Convention presents, the signature of the Secretary of that body shall be sufficient.

The Bishop, on receiving such presentment, shall as soon as convenient, give notice of the same to the accused, with the charges brought against him; and also inform him, that he has appointed five Clergymen of the Diocese, from which number the accused has the privilege of selecting three, which three shall constitute a board or court, for the examination and decision of his cause; and in case of his refusal to select, the Bishop shall make the selection. The Bishop shall give notice to the persons selected, of their appointment; and name the time and place for the opening of the court. The person, first named, by the Bishop, in the selection, shall be President of the Court. The Bishop shall also appoint some Clergyman to act as Clerk, and carefully to record the proceedings.

It shall be the duty of the party accusing, to attend the trial, and lay before the Court all such testimony as shall be deemed

proper. At the conclusion of the trial, a copy of the proceedings, certified by the Clerk, shall be transmitted to the Bishop. The Court shall also certify to him their opinion, whether the accused should be acquitted; or whether he should be admonished, suspended, or degraded from the ministry, as the case may be; and the Bishop shall proceed to pronounce, and publish sentence accordingly, agreeably to the Canons of the General Convention.

RESOLUTIONS,

Of a permanent nature, adopted by the Convention at various sittings, and revised and confirmed by the Convention of 1811.

1. Resolved, that it be recommended to the several churches in this Diocese, to appoint deputies to the Convention, at the usual time of choosing their vestries, and, for obvious reasons, that the number appointed be ~~not less~~ than three.

2. Resolved, that it be recommended to the vacant congregations to open their respective churches on every Sunday, and, when they have no occasional supplies of clergymen, to appoint proper persons to perform Divine service, and read sermons of approved writers of our Church.

3. Resolved, that, as the consecration of our churches implies, that they are exclusively set apart for holy purposes, it be recommended to the several congregations in the Diocese not to permit their respective houses of worship to be used for any secular object whatever. It is also recommended to them to enclose and keep in decent repair their burying-grounds, and prevent all other use of them, than that for which they were originally intended, the cutting and removing the grass excepted.

4. Resolved, that it be recommended to every congregation of the Church in this Diocese, which has a clergyman, to dis-

peace with his services two Sundays in each year, that he may have it in his power to visit, and preach to, those congregations which are vacant; and, whenever a clergyman performs such duty, he shall make a detailed report of it to the next Convention.

5. Resolved, that it be recommended to those congregations, which are not yet incorporated, to avail themselves, as soon as convenient, of the opportunity afforded them by an Act of the Legislature of this State for that purpose, passed March 16, 1786.

6. Resolved, that the several clergymen make report annually of the moneys collected for the missionary fund, as well in the vacant churches, which they may supply, as in their own.

7. Resolved, that the vestries of the vacant congregations be required to transmit to the Convention, in future, annual reports, relative to the state of their respective churches.

8. Resolved, that, in the opinion of this Convention, the regular mode of church government of congregations in the Protestant Episcopal Church, is by a body, composed of a Minister, (styled, in this State, a Rector,) Church-Wardens, and Vestrymen; and that, for the sake of uniformity, it be recommended to all Episcopal congregations, not already so organized, as soon hereafter as possible, so to organize themselves; and that all the congregations, which shall be so organized, do, at the next Convention of this state, report themselves, that they may be entered on the minutes accordingly; and this formality of two Wardens and a Vestry will be expected of all congregations which shall hereafter apply to be admitted into this Convention.

9. *Additional Resolution, passed in 1819.*—Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every minister of the Church, in this State, to cause a collection to be made for the Episcopal Fund, in the Church or Churches, in which he regularly officiates, some time between the first of August, and the first of November, yearly; and if convenient to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion. In case of the meeting of the Convention in any Church, the collection for that year, shall be made there, at the time of such meeting. In vacant congregations, the collection for the above purpose, shall be made, either by the missionary, or by some clergymen, who may visit such congregations, at whatever time of the year, it may be found convenient.

All such collections shall be immediately transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention; and the Convention following shall determine, what proportion of them shall be paid to the Bishop, in addition to the interest of the Fund, and what shall be added to the principal.

APPENDIX, NO. V.

Extracts from the Journal of the proceedings of a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held in the city of Philadelphia from the 7th to the 15th of November, inclusive, A. D. 1826.

The House of Bishops consisted of nine of that order. One Bishop was absent from indisposition.

The House of clerical and lay deputies was composed of forty-four clergymen and thirty-one laymen, representing the Church in fifteen States or Dioceses. The Church in two Dioceses was not represented.

Sixty seven other clergymen, and ten students of the General Theological Seminary, and Candidates for Orders, being present, were invited to attend the sittings.

*From the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.
Abstract of a report on the State of the Church, prepared by a
Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, adopted
by that Body, and sent to the House of Bishops.*

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th canon of 1808, respectfully send to the House of Bishops the following view of the State of the Church, compiled from documents supplied by delegates from the Dioceses represented in this Convention.

New-Hampshire.—As there is no Delegate in this Convention from New-Hampshire, the report respecting the Church in that State, must, of necessity, be very imperfect. It appears that there are seven parishes, six clergymen, and about 820 communicants. About 100 baptisms, and as many confirmations, are

reported within the three years. On the whole, the Church appears to be in a course of moderate prosperity.

Maine.—No communication respecting the state of the Church in Maine has been received at this Convention. It appears however, from indirect information, that the situation of the parishes remains much the same as for some years past.

Vermont.—The situation and prospects of the Church have materially improved since the last General Convention. At that time there were no more than six clergymen in the State. But, though two have removed, yet the number has increased to eleven, viz : six Presbyters and five Deacons. One of these Presbyters and three of the Deacons have, within the three years, been presented for orders by the Committee of this State ; the remaining additions are from abroad. There is but one candidate for the ministry now belonging to this State. Six new parishes have been organized, making now 24 in the whole. The number of baptisms which have been reported, is something more than 200 ; the number of communicants at this time about 750—above 200 more than were presented at the last report on the state of the Church. Sunday schools have been established in most of the parishes that are supplied with regular ministrations ; but the parochial reports have been so imperfect on this head, that the number of scholars cannot be ascertained. Three new churches have been consecrated, and another is in the course of being built.

The Missionary Society in this State has been considerably useful in promoting the welfare of the vacant parishes, and its funds have, in the present year, been materially increased.

Massachusetts.—Since the last General Convention, the Church in this State has continued to flourish, but not without some adverse circumstances.

The Missionary Society in this State, which for many years, had but a nominal existence, has, since the last General Convention become effective and useful. Ten of the clergy of this State have performed missionary duty under the direction and patronage of this society. By their labours two new churches have been formed ; three expiring churches have been revived ; and in two other towns, our liturgy is regularly performed with the prospect of establishing churches—in one place immediately, and in the other, at no very distant period. Three new churches have been formed ; one in each of the following places : Leicester, Lowell, and Northampton. Four new houses for public

worship have been erected, and two of them consecrated, viz: those at Leicester and Lowell.

There are now in this State 25 churches and congregations—many of them small; eighteen clergymen with cures, and seven without cures, making 25; and 1300 communicants. Since the last General Convention, there have been reported 722 baptisms, and 197 confirmations; six persons have been admitted to the order of deacons, and nine have been advanced to the order of priests. The Church in this State appears to be increasing, and its importance to the interests of pure and undefiled religion is more than ever before felt and acknowledged.

Rhode-Island.—It does not appear that any material alteration has taken place in the condition of the Church in this State since the last General Convention. Through the blessing of Divine Providence, the four principal congregations continue to prosper and increase. Some additions have been made to the holy communion, though not as many as at a former period. In the Narragansett country, the Church is still in a state of depression. Little success has as yet attended the exertions of the Church Missionary Society, to promote the cause of piety, and extend the influence of our holy religion. Divine service has been discontinued at South Kingston and at East Greenwich; but in the village of Wickford, there are indications of a growing interest in the welfare of our Zion. Sunday Schools are in successful operation in all the churches. At the last Convention measures were taken to commence a fund for the support of the Bishop. An interest has lately been excited in favour of the Society for Domestic and Foreign Missions; and societies auxiliary to that excellent institution, have been established in several of the parishes.

Connecticut.—Since the Triennial Convention of 1823, three churches have been consecrated. The number of parishes in the Diocese is 74. The aggregate of confirmations is 1156; and the number of communicants reported to the last Convention is 4233. The present number of clergy is 53 exclusive of the Diocesan. Fourteen persons have been ordained Deacons, and thirteen Priests. There are eight candidates for orders in the Diocese.

Much interest has recently been excited in favour of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and auxiliary associations have been formed in many of the principal parishes. Some of these have subscribed very liberally, when their means are considered; and no doubt is entertained but that, ere long, the

Diocese of Connecticut will do all that can be reasonably expected of her, in support of the interesting cause of missions.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese continues to give aid to two or three missionaries, who are usefully employed in collecting new congregations, and in visiting small or decayed parishes.

The establishment of Sunday Schools has become general, and their usefulness is apparent.

But the event of most importance to be recorded in the history of this Diocese, since the last report, is the establishment and organization of Washington College. This institution is the result of exertions, continued under many and great discouragements, for more than twenty-five years; and at last, with complete success. Its charter was obtained about the time of the last meeting of this Convention. Since that period, the sum requisite for its endowment, fifty thousand dollars, has been raised within the limits of the Diocese. The College was organized, by the appointment of its officers, as soon as the funds were secured; and on the 23d of September, 1824, the course of instruction was commenced. The erection of the collegiate edifices, and the improvement of the grounds, were also begun. The faculty of the College consists, at present, of a President, a Professor of Belles Lettres and Oratory, a Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy, a Professor of Ancient Languages, a Professor of Botany, a Tutor of Mathematics, and a Teacher of the Modern Languages of Europe. The present number of students is sixty five. The College buildings, two in number, contain, besides the chapel and other public apartments, accommodations for about one hundred students.

New-York.—The work of the Lord continues, by his blessing, to prosper in this portion of his vineyard. The Diocese consists, at present, of 114 clergymen (the Bishop, 92 Presbyters, and 21 Deacons) and 153 congregations; being an accession, since the report to the last General Convention, of 25 clergymen, and 29 congregations.

The number of persons ordained Deacons has been 30. The number of Deacons ordained Priests 22.—18 clergymen have been regularly settled in congregations. 26 Missionaries are employed. There are 13 candidates for orders in the Diocese. 4 clergymen have departed this life. 29 churches have been organized, and admitted into union with the Convention. 15 churches have been erected and consecrated.

The Diocese was, for nearly two-thirds of the time since the last General Convention, deprived of the blessing, heretofore so largely enjoyed, of the Bishop's visitations. In September, 1823, he was under the necessity of sailing for Europe for the benefit of his health. In October, 1825, it pleased God to restore him to his Diocese, so far recovered as to enable him to enter on his accustomed course of Episcopal duty. During the last summer, and the present autumn, he completed an official tour of between three and four thousand miles, and visited 65 congregations, independently of those in the city of New-York. The number of persons confirmed by him, principally since his return from Europe, is about 2200. Add to these 72, confirmed by Bishop Croes, and the whole number of persons confirmed since the period embraced in the last report, is about 2272.

And here it is proper to state, that in addition to services rendered to this Diocese, as above noticed, during the absence of the Diocesan, by several of his Right Rev. brethren, Bishop Croes, agreeably to the request of Bishop Hobart, performed with great kindness and promptitude, such Episcopal acts as are essential to the conducting of the ordinary course of ecclesiastical affairs.

The Missionary and Parochial reports, since the last General Convention, furnish the following aggregate :—Baptisms (adults 654, children 3573, not specified 1864) 6091—Marriages 2046—Funerals 4358.

The number of communicants reported at the last Convention of the Diocese, is 6930.

The following sums have also been reported as collected in the several congregations :—

For the Episcopal Fund	\$ 2774 19
For the Missionary Fund	6385 90
For the Diocesan Fund	2460 46

The cause of missions, from the circumstance of there being so much new country, and so many rapidly increasing settlements within the borders of this state, it ought to be expected, should excite much interest, and call forth much active exertion, in this Diocese. In a good degree, and we believe in an increasing degree, this is the case. As stated above, twenty-six missionaries are now employed. They are appointed by, and under the direction of, a Committee for Propagating the Gospel, of which the Bishop is chairman *ex-officio*, appointed by the Convention. The funds are supplied by collections in the churches, by Missionary Societies, and by an annual grant from the So-

ciety for Promoting Religion and Learning. Some of the largest and most flourishing parishes in the Diocese, owe their existence, under God, to the fostering care of the above mentioned Committee, through the faithful labours of the missionaries, and the active superintendence of the Bishop. When the settlements in which those parishes are established were just forming, the missionary began there his pious work. His little flock grew with the growth, and strengthened with the strength, of the town, until, nurtured by the divine blessing, the Church became competent to its own support, when the aid was withdrawn, and transferred to visit another region with a similar blessing. In this way, two or three missionary stations are dropped every year, and others established. Merely this, however, by no means keeps pace with the demand. There is a loud call for the constant increase of the means of this all important and indispensable mode of advancing the interests of the Gospel. Every friend to those interests must hope and pray that this good work may abound more and more.

The purposes of pious charity continue to be prosecuted by the several societies established with that view, by the Bishop, Clergy, and members of the Church in this Diocese. At the head of them is to be ranked the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning, which consists of a Board of Trustees, originally appointed, and liberally endowed, about twenty-four years ago, by the Corporation of Trinity Church in the city of New-York; and which annually expends between three and four thousand dollars in various measures promotive of the interests of the Gospel. Two large and flourishing daily Charity Schools in the city of New-York, and Sunday Schools in almost every parish, are communicating gratuitously to many thousands, the blessings of an ordinary, and especially of a religious education.

Missionary Societies and Associations, in all parts of the Diocese, are annually supplying the ecclesiastical authority with the means of continuing and increasing missionary services. Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and Tracts, are circulated; in great numbers, by societies formed for the purpose. Although, however, in these several lines of usefulness, the Church has cause gratefully to acknowledge many noble examples of liberality and devotedness; still, much remains to be done; a wide field for exertion is still unoccupied; and immense resources are still inoperative.

It was mentioned, in the last report of this Diocese, that there was a prospect of having a College established at Geneva, in the county of Ontario, principally under the direction of the members of our Church. The measure has since been carried into effect. And while, at Geneva College, no peculiar privileges are enjoyed by Episcopal students over others, and every measure unfavourable to the fullest toleration of all religious sentiments, or tending to a system of proselytism, is most scrupulously avoided, the youth of our own Church are exposed to no inducements to forsake her, but have every facility of becoming established, strengthened, and settled, in her primitive and evangelical doctrines and order.

With regard to "the attention paid to the canons and rules of the Church," into which an inquiry is, at this time, ordered to be made, it is gratifying to know that the general fidelity in this particular, with which this Diocese has been uniformly characterized, not only continues, but seems to be gaining ground, and becoming more and more firmly settled. Especially, in seasons and neighbourhoods of peculiar religious excitements, the faithful and conscientious pastor has found the provisions of the Church, and the zealous and industrious, but consistent, practical application of her principles of order, the most successful mode, under the divine blessing, of rendering those excitements promotive of substantial and permanent evangelical piety.

In conclusion, we would turn to that consideration from which every other derives its greatest value, and to which the devout Christian will ever delight to look as the great end and aim of every visible mean, and every external operation, the state of the Diocese in reference to *evangelical piety*. Of the progress of this, every one acquainted with the genuine character of our holy religion, will be aware, that the evidences must be found in the meek, humble, holy, and self-subduing, practical operation of a true and living faith on the general character and life. From the observation to this end, which the Bishop has made in his extensive visitations, and more extensive intercourse in other ways, with his Diocese, and from the missionary and parochial reports, and other authentic sources of information, we have reason to thank God, that through his grace, there is generally apparent, in this Diocese, an increase of real religious concern, and an increased sensibility to the pure and holy obligations of the Christian profession. And although much indeed of alarming deficiency on these momentous subjects, still exists, to awaken our solicitude, engage our prayers, and enlist our most

zealous efforts ; still may we thank God, and take courage, in the humble confidence that his word, worship, and ordinances, are made channels of increasing spiritual blessings to his people.

New-Jersey.—The Diocese of New-Jersey still continues to improve. It contains seventeen clergymen, the Bishop, fourteen Presbyters, and two Deacons, and thirty congregations. Twenty-two of the congregations enjoy stated divine service ; the residue are, with occasional exceptions, regularly supplied by missionaries. The number of churches in the Diocese is twenty-seven, two of which have been erected since the last report ; and they are all in good repair.

During the recess of the general Convention, the Bishop has admitted to the order of Deacons, Robert Brown Croes ; and the following Deacons, to the order of Priests :—The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, the Rev. John M. Ward, the Rev. William L. Johnson, the Rev. Matthew Matthews, the Rev. Christian F. Cruse, and the Rev. Benjamin Holmes.

Within the same period, he has instituted into the Rectorship of Christ Church, Newton, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn ; of St. Peter's, Berkeley, the Rev. Richard D. Hall, (since removed into the Diocese of Pennsylvania ;) of St. Peter's, Spotswood, the Rev. John M. Ward ; of St. Michael's Trenton, the Rev. William L. Johnson ; of Trinity Church, Swedesborough, the Rev. Simon Wilmer ; of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, the Rev. Eli Wheeler ; and of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, the Rev. John Croes, Jun., who had resigned his charge of the Church at Shrewsbury.

The following clergymen have also been received into the Diocese :—The Rev. John Grigg, as Minister of Christ Chapel, Belleville, (since resigned his charge ;) the Rev. Charles Smith, as Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, (since removed into the Diocese of Pennsylvania ;) the Rev. Matthew Matthews, as Minister of Christ Chapel, Belleville ; the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, as Missionary to the vacant churches ; the Rev. Christian F. Cruse, as Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's, Pennsneck ; and the Rev. Smith Pyne, as Minister of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The following clergymen, in addition to those already mentioned, have removed from the Diocese :—The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, now in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States ; the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass to the Diocese of Pennsylvania ; the Rev. Robert B. Croes to the Diocese of Vir

ginia ; and the Rev. John Churchill Rudd, D. D. to the Diocese of New-York.

One Church, viz. St. Paul's Church at Paterson, in Essex county, has been duly organized in this Diocese, and received into union with the Convention.

Two Churches have been consecrated by the Bishop ; Christ Church at Newton, in Sussex county, and St. Paul's Church at Paterson.

Confirmations have been administered in the following Churches: St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town, twice ; St. Mary's, Burlington ; St. Peter's, Spotswood ; St. Peter's, Freehold ; St. James's, Knowlton, twice ; Christ Church, Newton, twice ; St. Michael's, Trenton ; St. Peter's, Berkeley ; St. John's, Salem ; Trinity Church, Swedesborough, twice ; St. Mary's, Colestown ; St. Peter's Perth Amboy ; Christ Church, Shrewsbury ; Trinity Church, Newark ; Christ Chapel, Belleville ; Christ Church, New-Brunswick ; St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly ; and St. George's Pennsneck.

The number of baptisms reported since the last General Convention, is 732. The number of persons confirmed has been 256.

The communicants in the Diocese are about 800.

The several congregations, with few exceptions, continue to be visited by the Bishop once a year ; and both clergymen and laymen generally conform to the canons, rubricks, and seemly order, of the Church.

The Sunday schools continue to increase and flourish ; and are productive of much benefit, both to the Church and to the community at large.

The annual avails of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, which has been instituted more than twenty years, have considerably increased since the last report, by the product of the genius and industry of benevolent associations of ladies in some of the congregations, which they have generously appropriated to it. It can hardly be necessary to mention, how much the Church in the Diocese has, under the Divine blessing, been benefited by the operation of that fund.

The Fund of the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen, is continually augmenting. It amounts now to upwards of ten thousand dollars.

The Episcopal Society of this Diocese, for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety, does not relax in its efforts to effect the purposes intended by its institution. It has (al-

though principally supported only by four or five congregations) been enabled for sixteen years, through the Divine goodness, to diffuse gratuitously Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, among the Churches of our communion in the Diocese; and when necessary, it has frequently given aid to the Missionary fund. It has now at interest upwards of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, which cannot be diverted.

The raising of a fund for the establishment of a Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, is in progress in this Diocese; fifteen hundred dollars of which have already been subscribed or collected.

Such being the outward state of the Church in this Diocese, it can scarcely be imagined that its spiritual state is not, in some considerable degree, advancing. May its progress, however, be accelerated, till, through Divine grace, its members, from the least to the greatest, may know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, in that sense, which Christ himself has declared is life eternal!

Pennsylvania.—The Diocese of Pennsylvania consists at present of the Bishop, forty-eight Presbyters, ten Deacons, and fifty-four congregations.

Since the last General Convention, 21 persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons, and 14 Deacons to the order of Priests. Nine persons are candidates for the ministry. Seven Churches have been organized and admitted into union with the Convention, and ten Churches have been consecrated by the Bishop. The number of persons confirmed has been 960. Baptism has been administered to 2322, and the communicants are 1886. Sunday schools and Bible classes exist in many of the parishes.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity continues its useful labours, and has been instrumental, under the Divine blessing, in establishing many congregations, which are now flourishing. Twelve clergymen have acted as its missionaries for the last three years, or have been assisted from its funds. Seven missionaries are at present in its employ.

Several young men are at present aided by societies established for the purpose, in preparatory studies for the ministry.

The Episcopal Fund is still small. It does not amount to more than \$10,400.

Upon a review of the state and condition of the Church in this Diocese, since the last General Convention, we have abundant cause of thankfulness for the measure of prosperity with which

we have been favoured; and our gratitude ought to be increased by the circumstances, which fully warrant the hope, that with the Divine blessing, we shall enjoy, for the ensuing three years, a continued and increasing advancement.

Delaware.—In taking a view of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, we have to state that no material change has taken place since the meeting of the last General Convention; and it appears from the face of the Journals of the several State Conventions, that there are in this Diocese, fourteen churches, and only three officiating clergymen, who have regular charges. The Rev. Henry L. Davis, D. D., late of the Diocese of Maryland, and now Principal of the College at Wilmington, occasionally performs divine service and preaches in that place; and the Rev. Robert Clay still resides at Newcastle; but the infirmities of age render him unable to perform the duties of the desk and pulpit. Under these circumstances, it therefore appears that many of our congregations are destitute of the regular ministration of the word and ordinances of the church. And we also would state, with the most sincere regret, that the Missionary Society, formed in June, 1823, is at this time in a declining state. But under all these discouraging appearances, we are happy to state that some improvement is making in our churches in this Diocese. A new and commodious church has been built at St. James's, near Stanton, and has been consecrated by the Right Rev. Bishop White, since the meeting of the last General Convention; and some improvements are making in other parts of the State.

Mr. Henry V. D. Johns was admitted to the holy order of Deacons at Newcastle, in August last, by the Right Rev. Bishop White; and there are at this time two candidates for holy orders in this Diocese: both of them at present are prosecuting their studies in the General Theological Seminary at New-York. And it appears from the Journals, that there are about 375 communicants. And there have been admitted into our church, by the holy rite of baptism, 12 adults, and 130 infants.

Maryland.—The Journals of the last four Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, all of which have been held since the General Convention of 1823, contain the following statements:—

Seven persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons. Sixteen to that of Priests. The candidates for orders are three. There are 65 parishes, and 52 clergymen. Six churches have been consecrated: 1123 persons have been con-

firmed; 4467 have been baptized; and there are 2615 communicants. Two clergymen have been partially employed during the last year in performing missionary duty.

There are in operation a missionary society; a society for the publication of Prayer Books and Homilies; two charity-schools, one attached to St. Pauls, Baltimore, for the entire support and education of destitute children, and the other to St. Peter's Baltimore, for the education of children; a society for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen; Sunday schools in most of the parishes; and several Tract societies. The foundation of a building for the accommodation of the coloured persons attached to the church in Baltimore, has been laid in that city, upon a lot given for the purpose, by James Bosley, Esq.; and it is believed that through the zeal and liberality of several gentlemen, who have engaged in the cause, it will be speedily completed. A minister, the Rev. William Levington, ordained by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, is already procured, whose services are both useful and acceptable.

Upon a general view of the condition of the Diocese, although it appears from the last annual report, that there are parishes suffering through a difficulty experienced in procuring pastors, there is ground for the persuasion, that the influence of the doctrines of the Church, and an attachment to her ritual, are extending and strengthening in Maryland.

Virginia.—The general interests of the Church in this Diocese exhibit very obvious marks of improvement during the last three years. Much, however, still remains to be done in building up the waste places of Zion, and supplying the wants of those who look to her for spiritual food. Among those who occupy on this ground, there is no zeal wanting; but the labourers are few, and on this account, wholly inadequate to the demands arising from the large and widely scattered population of the Diocese. From present indications, it is confidently trusted that by the Divine blessing, increasing prosperity will attend the well-directed efforts of the ministry, and a brighter day dawn upon the Church. The Diocese has already experienced the most substantial benefits from the establishment of her Theological School, aided by the Education Society of Virginia and Maryland; and she still looks to it, as to a precious fount, by whose streams her barren waste shall be watered and made glad.

The building of six new churches within the Diocese, and the consecration of most of them to the service of Almighty God.

since the last General Convention, together with the repair of others, presents subject matter of much gratitude to the great Head of the Church, and tends, in no small degree, to confirm the rising hopes of her members.

As to the number of baptisms, communicants, and burials, no certain information can be had, from the imperfect state of the journals; and the absence of the venerable Bishop of the Diocese, who is detained from this Convention by illness, precludes all access to much other information which should be contained in this digest.

The number of ordinations is supposed to be over twenty, since the last General Convention. The number of the clergy forty-one.

North-Carolina.—With unfeigned thankfulness to Almighty God, for his providential care, we are happy to announce the prosperity of the Church in this Diocese, and of its regular and continued, though it may not be very rapid, increase.

The number of clergy at present in the Diocese is ten besides the Bishop.

The number of baptisms, since the last General Convention, has been 708; the number confirmed 364; and the number of communicants, as stated in the Journal of the last Annual Convention of this Diocese, is 649; making an increase of 278 baptisms, and 169 communicants, since the last Triennial Convention.

Since 1823, four persons have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.

The changes which have taken place in the ministry consist in the removal of the Rev. Robert Davis to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and of the Rev. James Otey to the town of Franklin, Tennessee. The Rev. William Hooper, on his declaring his inability to comply with the rubrics, and to use some of the liturgical services of the Church, and on expressing his wish to renounce the ministry, was displaced therefrom, according to the directions of the 7th canon of 1820.

The Rev. Henry M. Mason has been chosen Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville. The Rev. Thomas Wright has removed from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, to St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church, Rowan county. The Rev. William M. Green has relinquished the charge of St. John's Church, Williamsborough, and Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, for that of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and St. Mary's Church, Orange county. He was succeeded by the

Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd in the care of the first mentioned churches. The Rev. Joseph Pierson, from the Diocese of New-York, was chosen to the charge of the congregations of St. Peter's Church, Washington, St. Thomas's Church, Bath, and of Zion Chapel, and Trinity Chapel, Beaufort county. The Rev. Elijah Brainerd has also removed to this state from the Diocese of Vermont, and is engaged in a female academy.

With emotions of the sincerest sorrow, we here announce the decease of two eminently useful clergymen of this Diocese, the Rev. Joseph Pierson, and the Rev. Carolus C. Brainerd.—While we bow with submission to the mysterious Providence that hath afflicted us, we pray the Almighty Guardian of the Church, that of his great mercy he would speedily supply the place of those we have lost; that he would send forth other labourers into the harvest.

Since the year 1823, six new congregations have been formed, viz. St. Luke's Church, Salisbury; Union Church, Waynesborough; St. Paul's Chapel, Milton; St. Peter's Church, Washington; St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; and St. John's Church, Beaufort county. The following churches have been consecrated:—Christ-Church, Newbern; St. Peter's Church, Washington; St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; St. John's Church, Beaufort county; St. John's Church, Williamsborough; and St. Thomas's Church, Bath. The two last, though long erected, (St. Thomas's as early as the year 1734,) had never been solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the form prescribed by the Church.

There is a missionary society in this Diocese. Efforts have been made to raise a permanent fund for the support of the Bishop, and have been in great part successful. Parochial libraries have been established in some parishes, especially in St. James's Church, Wilmington. Sunday schools have been formed in most of the towns where there are pastors; and societies either for the relief of indigence, or the support and extension of religion, exist in several places.

The rubrics, constitution, and canons of the Church are rigidly adhered to, with but one exception; that in some parishes, the canon enjoining the Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops to be read, has not been always complied with.

The distinguishing principles of the Church are better known, and more fully received than ever, owing principally to the diligent and earnest enforcement of them, both from the pulpit and the press, by the much loved and much venerated Bishop of the

Diocese. The most perfect harmony and kindest fellow feeling exist among the clergy of this Diocese. It is hoped that there has been an increase of fervent piety and holy practice.—May the God of all grace extend the good work begun, till the whole land be filled with followers of the blessed Saviour, with the heirs of eternal life!

South-Carolina.—In this Diocese there are thirty-eight organized congregations, seven of which are without a minister. The clergy consist of a Bishop, thirty Presbyters, and five Deacons. Within the period embraced by this report, there have been seven persons admitted to the order of Deacons, viz. Edward Neuville, Charles P. Elliott, Paul T. Keith, Philip Gadsden, Edward Thomas, George W. Hathaway, Isaac Low.

Seven have been admitted to the order of Priests, to wit:—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, the Rev. Charles P. Elliott, the Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, the Rev. Edward Philips, the Rev. Mellish J. Motte, the Rev. Edward Thomas, the Rev. Thomas H. Taylor.

Two clergymen have removed into this Diocese; two have removed from it; and four have departed this life.

There are five candidates for Holy Orders; and two have deceased.

One church, which was destroyed in the Revolution, has been rebuilt. Four new churches have been consecrated, and a fifth is nearly ready for consecration.

The baptisms reported are—of infants, 886—of adults, 100—in all 986. The number of persons confirmed is 519.—There are 1968 communicants, of whom 475 are persons of colour.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop has been circulated. A monthly religious publication by the members of our Church has been issued since January, 1824. And in some of the parishes library associations have been formed.

The following offerings of piety and benevolence have been received:—

Miss De Tolliniere's legacy to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity	\$7158 31
Mrs. Gregorie's legacy to the same	642 85
Mr. Plowden Weston's donation to the same	200 00
Mr. William Clarkson's legacy to the same	500 00

Total \$8501 16

The Bishop's Fund, amounting to \$9180 30, is gradually increasing by donations, and the addition to the capital of one-fourth of the annual interest. The other three-fourths, together with the contribution of about \$1000, received from the different parishes, are appropriated to the assistant Minister of the Church of which the Bishop is Rector. The Bishop receives no compensation for his Episcopal services.

Since the last General Convention, the agent of the General Theological Seminary visited some of the parishes, and obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$2782 60, of which the greater part has been paid.

There has been paid by this Diocese to the General Fund of that Institution	\$9017 60
Due by subscribers to the same	1877 00
For the founding of the Bishop Dehon Scholarship	3000 00
For the founding of the Bishop Bowen Scholarship	923 62
Due by the subscribers to the same	191 36
For the founding of the Claremont Church Scholarship	48 00
Due by the subscribers to the same	64 00

Total paid and subscribed towards the endowment of the General Theological Seminary - \$15121 60

The candidates for holy orders from this Diocese, who have for a greater or less time pursued their studies at the Seminary, are in number 14.

The societies by which, under the divine blessing, the welfare of the Church in this Diocese has been greatly promoted, are,

1. "The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church," instituted in 1762, chiefly, it is believed, through the instrumentality of the late Right Rev. Dr. Smith, the first Bishop of this Diocese, has at present 114 members; who contribute annually, \$10 each to the funds of the society, and an invested capital of \$55,042.

2. "The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," instituted in 1810. It has 126 life members, and 234 annual subscribers. The former have contributed each \$50, and the latter pay annually \$5. The invested capital is \$35,017 88. The objects of this society are the support of missions—the assistance of indigent candidates for orders—the distribution of the Bible, Prayer Book, and approved books and tracts—and the founding of a theological library, for the use especially of the clergy, and those preparing

for the sacred office. The library at present consists of 1500 volumes.

3. "The Charleston Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, composed of young Men and others," was instituted in 1819. It has 18 life members, who have paid each \$20; and 250 other members, who annually contribute \$2.

4. "The Protestant Episcopal Female Domestic Missionary Society," formed in 1821, has seven life members, who have paid each \$20, and 243 members who pay annually \$2. The society provides for the support of the minister who officiates in St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston; built for the accommodation of the poor.

5. "The Juvenile Missionary Society," formed in 1825, consists of children, of whom there are 185. The annual income is about \$120.

6. "The Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Society," was founded in 1819, to provide books for the schools in Charleston, and clothing for the destitute children who attend them. It has 132 members, who pay annually \$1. The income of the society is about \$200.

Sunday schools are in successful operation in several of the parishes. The instruction is almost exclusively religious: and persons of colour, both adults and children, are among the instructed.

In conclusion, we have the satisfaction to state, that the canons and rubrics of the Church are generally observed, and that both clergy and laity are in a degree, which is a just occasion of pious satisfaction, of one mind and of one heart.

Georgia.—In this Diocese, it may with much propriety be said, "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." Perhaps no section of the United States affords greater encouragement for missionary services than Georgia.

With a large extent of territory, rapidly increasing in population, there are comparatively very few Christian ministers of any denomination; and of these few, no small proportion exercise their functions in connexion with secular callings, which preclude the possibility of their acquiring such theological knowledge as is indispensable to the edifying of those to whom they minister. Of clergymen of the Church there are but four upon the records of this Diocese; and one of these, in consequence of age, and other circumstances not within his own control, is enabled to contribute but little in the way of professional labour, to the necessities of the church.

There are four regularly organized congregations in the Diocese, viz.—One at Savannah, one at Augusta, one on St. Simon's Island, and one at Macon, near the centre of the State. The one on St. Simon's, is composed of the few families that reside on the island, and would scarcely be able to afford a competent support to a minister, especially if he should have a family depending upon him. It is now vacant. The one at Macon has been organized since the last General Convention, under the faithful and zealous missionary labours of the Rev. Lot Jones, its present worthy Rector. At this place, which within a few years was a wilderness, was held the last Annual Convention of this Diocese.

At this Convention, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, who under the provisions of the 20th canon of 1808, exercises the Episcopal office in this Diocese, was present, and presided.

Besides the act above stated, the Bishop held a confirmation in Christ Church, Savannah, in the month of April last, when 46 persons were confirmed. Four persons were also confirmed at Macon, during the sitting of the Convention.

Of candidates for orders there are none, neither have any ordinations ever taken place in the Diocese. "It is melancholy to advert to the fact," says Bishop Bowen, in his address to the Convention, "that while other callings are so honourably supplied with the native talent and character of the state, that of the ministry, and especially in the communion of which we are members, should not yet have attained, in a greater degree, this important advantage."

The number of baptisms reported at the last Convention, was 41. The number of communicants, 164. Sunday schools are established in all the parishes, and are in a prosperous condition.

On the whole, though, for the want of missionary aid, little has been done, compared with what might otherwise, under the blessing of Providence, have been effected, yet the harvest has richly repaid the labours which have been bestowed.

Ohio.—The Church in Ohio, from the period of its first organization, in 1818, to the present time, has encountered much difficulty, and suffered many trials. These have in part arisen from the scattered condition of its members, from the want of missionaries, and from the death of some, and the removal of others, of its clergy. Among those who have died, we have painfully to number the Rev. John M. Jones, the Rev. Philander Chase, Jun. and the Rev. Roger Searle. Those who have removed out of the Diocese are, the Rev. Spencer Wall, the

Rev. Thomas A. Osborne, the Rev. Rufus Murray, and the Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg. The following persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons, namely, John M. Jones, William Sparrow, Gideon M'Millan, and Cotesworth P. Bronson. Of these only, the Rev. Mr. Sparrow has yet received Priests' orders. The Rev. Joseph Lanston, from Maryland, has removed into the Diocese, and resides at Troy; and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from Virginia, has taken charge of Trinity Church Cleveland.

Owing to the small number of the clergy, the parochial reports exhibit but an imperfect return of the Church in Ohio. This return, as nearly as can be ascertained by reference to the Journals of the last three years, is as follows:—Communicants 768—baptisms 506, of whom 41 were adults—confirmations 287—the candidates for orders 3.

Mississippi.—The Church in this state has but recently been received into union with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Though in its infancy, a prospect is presented which affords ample encouragement to the continual exertions of its ministers, and the zealous co-operation of every member of the laity.

In the vast population which has journeyed to the western borders of our country, there are to be found many families who belong to the communion of our Church, who have been educated in its principles, nurtured in its faith, and governed by its discipline. To such as have been located in this Diocese, the happy privilege has been granted of again worshipping their God and Redeemer in that "reasonable and holy manner which seems agreeable to scripture, and is in accordance" with the ancient custom of the primitive Church.

The short space of four years has only elapsed since the regular ministrations were first performed in this state by a clergyman of our communion, the Rev. James Pilmore, and that his pious exertions have been blessed, who can doubt that contemplates the present growing condition of the Church in Mississippi, and believes in the promises of God to his faithful people! There are at present in this Diocese four officiating clergymen, three Presbyters and one Deacon, and the like number of duly organized congregations.

The services of the Church are here regularly and statedly performed; the sacraments rightly and duly administered; and the children instructed in, and examined on, the doctrines and duties contained in the Catechism, as set forth in the Book of Com-

men Prayer. It is also deemed proper to observe, that in no case are the rubrics of the Church here departed from ; and while the clergy most ardently and earnestly urge the necessity of a holy life, devotion to God, and faith in the merits of the Saviour, as the surest foundations of Christian hope, they also regard a strict conformity to the prescribed offices of the Church as the best security to the continuance of that "unity of spirit, and bond of peace" bequeathed to the apostles by the chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church.

But imperfect returns have been made of the number of candidates for orders. They have been received only from the Dioceses of Vermont, Connecticut, New-York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, South-Carolina, and Ohio. In these Dioceses it appears that the number of candidates for orders is 43.

In transmitting the preceding statements, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit for the Church the prayers and blessing of the Bishops, and respectfully request their counsel in a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church.

Signed in behalf of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,
WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President.*

Philadelphia, November 14, 1826.

CANON

Passed in General Convention, 1826.—Regulating the Admission of Persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the time in which they are to continue Candidates before their Ordination.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for Orders in this Church, shall, in the first instance, give notice of his intention to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to such body as the Church in the Diocese or State, in which he intends to apply, may appoint; and if, after obtaining the canonical testimonials from the Standing Committee, he be admitted as a candidate by the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, by such body as the Church in the Diocese or State in which he intends to apply may appoint, he shall remain a candidate for the term of three years before his ordination, unless the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain the candidate, after the expiration of a shorter period, not less than one year.

The first paragraph of the 7th canon of 1808, and the first canon of 1823, are hereby repealed.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia, November, 1826.

By Order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, *Presiding Bishop.*

(Attested.)

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY, *Secretary.*

By Order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM H. WILMER, *President*

(Attested.)

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*



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CLERGY.

The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick;

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington;

The Rev. John Croes, Junr. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson;

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly;

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton;

The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's, Freehold;

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough;

The Rev. William L. Johnson, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton;

The Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown;

The Rev. Matthew Matthews, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville;

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Missionary to St. Peter's Church, Morristown, St. James's Church, Knowlton, and St. Mark's Church, Orange;

The Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown;

The Rev. William Chaderton, residing in Burlington.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Mark W. Collet, Esq. from St. Paul's Church at Paterson ;
 Col. Peter Kean, from St. John's Church at Elizabethtown ;
 Mr. Thomas G. Marsh, from St. Peter's Church, Perth-
 Amboy ;

John Boyken Esq. St. Peter's Church, Morristown ;

Robert Boggs and James Campbell Esqs. and Dr. Edward
 Carroll, Christ-Church, New-Brunswick ;

Jacob Van Wickle Esq. and Mr. William Snowhill, St. Pe-
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Mr. James West, Christ-Church, Shrewsbury ;

George Woodruff Esq. and Mr. Charles Frazer, St. Michael's
 Church, Trenton ;

William Coxe, Andrew Allen, John H. Carr, Esqrs. and Dr.
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Messrs. John Irick, Thomas Curtis, and Daniel K. Coppuck,
 St. Andrew's, Mount-Holly.

Messrs. Abraham Browning, and Isaac Welsh, St. Mary's
 Church, Colestown ;

Joseph V. Clark, and Thomas Chapman Esqrs. St. Peter's
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Joseph Chatham Esq. St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill ;

Thomas Sinnickson Esq. St. John's Church Salem.

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Burlington, May 28th, 1826.

This being the time, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and this city being the place, assigned in the same instrument, for its present session—the Right Reverend Dr. Croes, and several clergymen and lay deputies assembled in St. Mary's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning service was read by the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, and a sermon preached by the Rev. John M. Ward.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Simon Wilmer and William Cox Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of their appointment, which the lay deputies might present, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee, on examination, made report that thirteen churches were duly represented.

The clergymen present were

The Rt. Rev. JOHN CROES, D.D. Bishop.

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D.D. The Rev. Simon Wilmer,

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Joseph V. Clark.

been enabled to visit almost all the congregations in the Diocese, in the course of the year.

The first congregation, to which I directed my attention, after the rise of the Convention, was that of the newly instituted one at Orange, in Essex County, denominated *St. Mark's Church*. This congregation I visited in June, and, on Sunday the 3d of that month, I performed Divine service, and preached, at their usual place of assembling, both morning and afternoon. It gave me pleasure to find, that the congregation had increased since my last visit; and that they were zealously using means for procuring funds to erect a Church. Since that time I have learned, that they have obtained an eligible scite for the building, considerable funds, and have made a contract for erecting it.

In the same month, I visited *St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy*, and, on Sunday the 24th. officiated, in that Church, both morning and afternoon. The congregation is quite respectable, and apparently increasing.

In the month of July, I visited the congregation of *St. Peter's Church*, at *Morristown*, lately reorganized, and on Sunday the 8th, officiated twice. This congregation is also increasing, and, with becoming zeal, are making exertions to build a Church. Since my visit, I have been informed that an eligible lot of land, on which to erect the building, has been presented to them, and contracts made for the erection of it.

In the same month, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Holmes, I visited the Churches in Sussex and Warren Counties, and, on Wednesday the 7th I officiated at *St. James's Church, Knowlton*. This congregation is comparatively flourishing. In the afternoon, I repaired to *Belvidere*, the county town of Warren, and intended to preach there in the evening to the resident Episcopalians, according to appointment; but was prevented by a sudden and violent storm. The next day I proceeded to *Hope*, and officiated in that village. On Sunday, the 15th of the month, I officiated at *Christ Church, Newton*, both morning and afternoon. The congregation of this Church, gradually increases, and bids fair to become large, as it is already respectable.

I visited *St. Matthew's Church*, city of Jersey, on Sunday the 5th of August, and performed Divine service, and preached twice. This Church, from the very low state to which it had been reduced, in consequence of deaths and removals, has, with-

in the last two years, under the blessing of God, exceedingly improved, and promises to be permanent.

On Sunday the 12th of the same month, I visited St. James's Church, at Piscataway, and officiated. The congregation of this Church is very small, and destitute of a minister; but enjoys the ministrations of a missionary, at stated, but distant periods.

On Sunday the 19th, I visited St Paul's Church, at Paterson, and officiated both morning and afternoon. The congregation of this recently instituted church, is advancing, and bids fair, in a few years, to rank among the largest in the Diocese.

On Sunday the 26th of August, I visited the congregation of Christ-Chapel, Belleville and officiated. No material change in the state of this small, but respectable congregation, has taken place for several years.

In the month of September, I visited St. Michael's Church, at Trenton, and on Sunday the 9th, performed Divine service, and preached twice in that church. On Sunday the 16th of that month, I also visited St. John's Church at Elizabeth Town, and officiated both morning and afternoon. St. John's Church preserves its standing, and the congregation generally attend Divine service with great punctuality, and, apparently, with much devotion.

In the month of October, I visited the Episcopalians at Amwell, and officiated, in the dwelling house of one of the number, on Friday the 6th. On the ensuing Sunday (the 8th,) I visited St. Thomas's Church at Alexandria, (vacant) and officiated; and on the evening of the same day, I officiated at Woodsville, nearly 20 miles from St. Thomas's. In the same month, I visited Christ-Church, at Shrewsbury, and on Sunday the 14th, preached there. The congregation of that Church, I have the pleasure to add, is in a flourishing state.

In the month of November, I visited Trinity-Church, at Newark, and on Sunday the 4th, I officiated in that church, both morning and afternoon.

I visited also, in that month, St. Peter's Church, at Spotswood, and on Sunday, the 11th, I officiated in the morning and in the evening. The congregation of St. Peter's Church preserves its standing, and is very regular and exemplary in the performance of Divine service.

On Tuesday, the 13th of May, 1828, I attended the annual

meeting of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, at Philadelphia.

The acts of that Board evidence considerable zeal and exertion ; and promise to be of much utility to the Church and of consequence to the advancement of religion generally.

On Thursday the 15th of the same month I visited St. Peter's Church, at Berkeley, preached, and examined the catechumens of that church.

On Friday, the 16th, I officiated at Trinity-Church, Swedesborough ; and on Saturday visited St. John's Church, Salem — On Sunday I visited St. George's Church, at Pennsneck, and preached. In the afternoon I returned to Salem, preached, administered confirmation to six persons, and examined the catechumens. The church at Salem is improving.

On Monday, the 21st of May, I returned to Swedesborough, and on Tuesday, preached, and examined the children in the catechism.

I visited, on Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, at Mullica Hill, and officiated. On the afternoon of the same day, it was my intention to visit St. Thomas's Church, at Glassborough, and to preach, but was prevented by a storm.

On Friday, the 23d, I visited St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and officiated.

On the Sunday following, I visited St. Andrew's Church, at Mount Holly, preached twice, administered confirmation to six persons, and examined the catechumens. The church in that place is gradually increasing.

On Monday, the 26th inst. I closed my official duties for the year passed, by visiting the Church in this city, and on Tuesday the 27th, I preached and administered confirmation. The number who participated in that holy rite was ten. The congregation of this church is in a flourishing state, and the building, as you observe, is in excellent order.

During the year, since we last assembled, I have attended in my official capacity as a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary of our Church, the regular annual meeting of that body in New-York ; also the examination of the students of the Institution, and the commencement of the senior class. The examination was very satisfactory ; and the proficiency of the students such as to warrant the belief, that their time had been diligently spent in the several studies in which they had been

engaged, and that, with Divine grace, they will become both capable and useful 'stewards of the mysteries of God.'

In October last, I also assisted at the consecration of the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D D. a Presbyter of the Diocese of New-York, who had been elected, by the Convention of Pennsylvania, an assistant Bishop to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of that Diocese, and in case of survivorship, his successor. Dr. Onderdonk's piety, talents, learning and zeal, well qualify him for that office; and it is hoped that time, reflection, and Divine grace, will so allay and mollify the feelings of those who did not concur in his election, that they at length will be induced to acquiesce in the choice of their brethren, and thus contribute to the restoration of peace and harmony in the church of the Diocese.


The accession to our number, and to the Church of our communion, of so worthy and respectable a divine as the Rt. Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, could not but afford those of us, who were present at his consecration, very great satisfaction: but this pleasure did not remain long unmingled. Scarcely had we separated to return to our respective Dioceses, when we were called to mourn on account of the decease of our beloved and highly esteemed brother, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemp of Maryland, who, on the evening of the day that he left us, received that injury, by the overturning of a stage, which, in the providence of God, so suddenly caused his death. Bishop Kemp will long be lamented by the Church at large, but especially by the Diocese of Maryland, for his piety, worth, talents and learning.

I cannot, in this place, but call your attention also, my brethren, to the afflicting circumstance of the death of the Rev. Mr. Carter, of Savannah, Georgia, who so suddenly followed his beloved wife to the tomb. As Mr. Carter had been a clergyman in this Diocese, and of course a member of our Conventions, it is but justice to his memory to observe, that he was highly esteemed among us as an amiable and pious man, and an energetic, instructive, and very acceptable preacher.

The number of persons confirmed in the Diocese, since the last Convention, is 22.

The Rev. John Grigg has removed from this to the Diocese of New-York.

The Rev. William Bryant has resigned his charge of the Churches at Colestown, Berkeley, and Chew's Landing, and is now a member of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.



The Rev. William Chaderton has removed into this Diocese, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and is at present residing in Burlington.

There has been very little change in the Diocese within the last year; yet the Church generally, through Divine goodness, has not ceased to improve, especially in its spiritual condition. The same number of congregations as was reported last year, have enjoyed stated Divine service. The funds instituted to promote the welfare and increase of the Church, are still in progress, and their beneficial effects continually experienced.

That the Divine blessing may accompany all our endeavours to advance its interest, both temporal and spiritual, let us, at all times, most devoutly and sincerely pray.

JOHN CROES.

Burlington, May 28th, 1828.

After the delivery of the address, the Bishop presented the parochial reports, which were read, and are in substance as follow:—

The report of *Christ-Church*, New-Brunswick, by the Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D. Rector; states, that there are families, in that church, about 56—individuals, about 220—communicants (2 added, 5 removed) 42—baptisms, 8—marriages 8—funerals, (7 not belonging to the congregation,) 12—catechumens, 32—Sunday-school scholars, about 50.

That the congregation which assembles for Divine service is uniformly much larger than formerly, and the attentive and devout manner in which the whole engage in the duties of the sanctuary, are indications of the improvement of its spiritual condition.

The ladies associated for missionary purposes have not relaxed in zeal or diligence. The avails of their skill and labours, which amount to \$40, they have, as usual, appropriated to the common fund of the Diocese.

Of *St. Paul's Church*, Paterson, by the Rev. John Croes, Jr. Rector; states, that there are upwards of 80 families in that church, but only 80 who hold pews—communicants, 22—baptisms, 15—marriages, 13—funerals of the congregation, 2, of others, 4—Sunday school scholars, 50—that the affairs of that congregation are rather improving; still the Rector is sorry to state, that many persons in the town, calling themselves Episcopals, seldom or never attend.

Of *Christ-Chapel*, Belleville, by the Rev. Matthew Matthews, Minister, states, that there are families and contributors in that congregation, about 30—communicants, (2 added,) 22—baptisms, 14—marriages, 4—funerals, 2—that the general appearances of the parish are encouraging. There is a perceptible, though gradual increase of numbers, and, under the Divine blessing, it is to be hoped that there is more and more attachment to the services of the church, and the cause of religion manifested.

Of *St. Matthew's Church*, city of Jersey, by the Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D. Minister, states, that there are families in that church, about 30—communicants, 20—baptisms, (3 adults) 33—funerals, 5—marriages, 2.—This church has, since the last Convention, the Minister humbly trusts, advanced not only in numbers, but in godliness, and attachment to the pure principles of our apostolic Church. At that time, and previously, Divine service was performed every other Sunday only; but in consequence of the laudable exertions of the congregation, aided by some benevolent friends in the city of New-York, they secured the exclusive right to worship in the only place, which for many years had been used for this purpose in the city of Jersey.—This building has lately been fitted up in a neat and handsome manner. Divine worship is performed statedly twice every Sunday, and sermons delivered to respectable congregations. The Sunday school, containing 60 or 70 scholars, prospers.

Of *St. John's Church*, Elizabethtown, by the Rev. Smith Pyne, the Rector, states, that there are families in that Church, (2 added,) 84—communicants, (14 added, 2 deceased, 1 removed) 96—baptisms, 9—marriages, 4—funerals, 16.

Of *St. Mark's Church*, Orange, by the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Missionary; states, that there are in that Church, communicants, (1 deceased, 4 added,) 13—baptisms, 8—marriages, 2—funerals, (not of the congregation,) 2.

Of *St. Peter's Church*, Morristown, by the same Missionary,

communicants, (1 removed, 3 added,) 14—baptisms 5—marriages, 1—funerals, in the vicinity, 2.

Of *St. James's Church*, Knowlton, by the same, families and contributors, about 70—communicants, about 20—baptisms, (including those at Hope and Belvidere,) 1 adult, and 7 children, 8.

Of *St. Luke's Church*, at Hope, by the same, families and contributors, 30—communicants, 10.

Of *St. Peter's Church*, Perth-Amboy, by the Rev. James Chapman, the Rector, families, about 40—communicants, (3 deceased and removed, 3 added,) 38—baptisms, 6—marriages, 3—funerals, (10 of the congregation, 8 of others, 18.

Of *Christ-Church*, Newton, by the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, the Rector, families about 50—communicants, (1 added, 1 deceased,) 12—baptisms, (3 adults, 7 children,) 10—Marriages, 2—funerals, 6—Sunday-school scholars, 65.

Of *St. Peter's Church*, Spotswood, by the Rev. J. M. Ward, the Rector, families and contributors, 56—individuals, 195—communicants, (2 added,) 25—baptisms, (1 adult, 12 infants,) 13—marriages, 3—funerals, (3 of the congregation, 2 others,) 5—Sunday scholars, 36.

Of *St. Peter's Church*, Freehold, by the Rev. John M. Ward, Minister, families and contributors, 60—individuals, 160—communicants, 21—funerals, 3.

Of *Christ-Church*, Shrewsbury, and *Christ-Church*, Middletown, by the Rev. Eli Wheeler, Rector and Minister, communicants, (4 added,) 65—baptisms, (7 infants, 3 adults,) 10—marriages, 7—funerals, 7 of the church, 4 others,) 11. Scholars in the Sunday-school at Tinton Falls, 40—Do. at Colt's Neck, 35.

That a Sunday-school society was organized at Shrewsbury, on Whitsun-Monday, (the 26th inst.) and has a prospect of soon collecting a large school.

Of *St. Michael's Church* Trenton, by the Rev. William L. Johnson, the Rector; families, 55—communicants, (2 added, 4 removed) 47—baptisms (1 adult, 18 infants) 19—marriages, 4—funerals, 12—catechumens, in two classes, 27—Sunday school scholars, regular attendants about 25.

Of *St. Mary's Church*, Burlington, by the Rev. Charles H. Wharton D. D. Rector: families, about 60—communicants, between 50 and 60—baptisms, 8—marriages, 2—funerals, 2.—The attendance on Divine worship is regular and devout, and

the conduct of the congregation, in general such as becomes a religious and Episcopal Society. The exemplary zeal, and successful exertions of the Ladies of this congregation in the Missionary cause will appear from the sum of 130 dollars being raised by them within the past year. Our Sunday-school will very soon be regularly incorporated with the General Episcopal school society.

Of *St. Andrew's Church*, Mount Holly, by George Y. Morehouse, Rector; families about 50—communicants 29—baptisms (2 adults, 5 children) 7—marriages 4—funerals, 2. That the state of the church continues prosperous, and the Sunday school very flourishing.

Of *St. Peter's Church*, Berkeley, by Joseph V. Clark Esq. a warden, communicants, (1 added, 1 removed) 36—baptisms, 2 adults—Sunday school scholars, average number 72. That in January last, the Rev. Mr. Bryant resigned the charge of the congregation, since which time, the church has been vacant.

Of *Trinity-Church*, Swedesborough, by the Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector; families, including those who occasionally attend, about 150—communicants (4 deceased, 1 suspended, 7 added,) 86—baptisms, (4 adults, 19 children,) 23—marriages, 7—Sunday schools, 2.

We have not been without trials, but our trust is in Him, who has promised to be with his Church to the end of the world. It is hoped, that an increasing attention to religion is manifested in the congregation.

Eleven other churches, from various causes, made no report.

On motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and make report thereon.

The Rev. Mr. Morehouse and Robert Boggs Esq were appointed to this office.

On, motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sitting, at half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon, half past 4 o'clock.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Smith Pyne, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, appeared and took his seat.

Col. Peter Kean, a lay deputy from the same church, and Jo-

seph Chatham Esq. a lay deputy from St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill, also appeared, presented the certificates of their appointments, and took their seats.

On motion, the clergymen and church-wardens were called on for their reports of collections during the past year, for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds.

In compliance with the request, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	For the Miss. Fund.		For the Epis. Fund.	
	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.
In the Church at Paterson, - - -	3	25	00	00
— Chapel at Belleville, - - -	3	00	3	20
— Church at Newark, - - -	00	00	00	00
— City of Jersey, - - -	8	00	00	00
— Elizabethtown - - -	15	00	21	00
— Orange, a contribution, - -	49	50	00	00
— Morristown, do. - - -	75	00	00	00
— Knowlton, do. - - -	71	621-2	00	00
— Woodbridge, collections, - -	4	39	00	00
— Perth-Amboy, - - -	9	00	5	57
— New-Brunswick, - - -	12	25	14	50
— Do. association of ladies, -	40	00	00	00
— Spotswood, - - -	3	50	00	00
— Freehold, - - -	1	69	00	00
— Shrewsbury & Middletown, -	12	00	8	00
— Trenton, - - -	13	04	00	00
— Burlington, - - -	00	00	14	28
— Do. ladies' association, -	130	00	00	00
— Mount Holly, - - -	3	871-2	3	50
— Colestown, - - -	00	00	00	00
— Berkeley, - - -	90	00	00	00
— Swedesborough- - -	00	00	00	00
— Salem, ladies' association, -	14	50	00	00
— Salem, Young Misses, pupils of Mrs. Cruse, and auxiliary to the above, - - -	6	121-2	00	00
— Piscataway, - - -	3	14	00	00

On motion, the clergymen were called on for their reports of missionary services, rendered in conformity with the fourth permanent resolution of the Convention.

The Rev. John Croes Jr. reported that he had preached one

Sunday, at Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Pyne and the Rev. Mr. Ward made similar reports.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he had preached once at Hope, once at Woodbridge, and twice on a Sunday at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Matthews reported that he had performed Divine service, and preached three times, at Orange; and twice on a Sunday at New-Brunswick, in the Bishop's absence.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman, reported that he had preached once at New-Brunswick, for the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported that he had officiated frequently at Mullica Hill, and at the neighbouring school-houses.

On motion, the Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for a Diocesan Sunday-School Society, auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, were called on to make report. The Committee announced that they were not yet ready to report.

On motion of Col Kean, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to inquire, how far the third permanent resolution of this Convention has, during the past year, been infringed.

The Committee appointed were Col. Kean, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, and Andrew Allen Esq.

On motion, the Convention resolved to proceed to the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies, to the General Convention for the ensuing year.

The election resulted in the choice of,

The Rev. John Croes, Jr.	Robert Boggs, Esq.
James Chapman,	James Parker, Esq.
John M. Ward,	Dr. Edwd. Carroll,
Wm. L. Johnson,	Joseph Marsh, Esq.
Of the Clergy,	Of the Laity,
	For the Standing Committee;

And, for Deputies to the General Convention,

The Rev. Dr. Wharton,	Peter Kean,
J. Croes, Jr.	James Parker,
C. Dunn,	Thos. Sinnickson,
W. L. Johnson,	Thos. Chapman, Esqrs.
Of the Clergy.	Of the Laity.

Mr. William Snowhill proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following amendment of the 1st article of the Constitution, viz. "to erase the word *and*, before Swedesborough, and insert the words *and Spotswood*, after Swedesborough."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it is a distinguishing feature of our Church, that she adopts a form of Common Prayer in her public worship: and whereas such prayer evidently implies a union of devout and audible voices, both in the congregation and the minister—Therefore, Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to all the congregations in this Diocese to repeat distinctly, all the responses and prayers, as the Rubric directs.

Mr. Sinnickson requested, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sittings to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday morning, May 29th, 1828.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Pyne.

The Bishop having resumed the chair, the minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Rev. William Chaderton appeared and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for a Diocesan Sunday-School Society, auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, made the following report.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to prepare a Constitution for a Diocesan Sunday-School Society, auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union,

Report, that, after conferring with the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, who had given much time and attention to the subject, and whose knowledge of the state of every part of the Diocese en-

abled him to judge of the wants of each, and of what system would be best adapted to meet those wants, and promote the great end proposed; your Committee have agreed to report a plan for a Constitution, drawn up and matured by the Bishop, and recommend it to the adoption of the Convention.

The plan of the Constitution, reported by the Committee, having been read, it was moved by Mr. Clark, and his motion adopted, that the consideration of the report be deferred to the next annual meeting of the Convention, and that it be printed with the minutes.

PLAN
OF
A CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Society
OF THE
DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY;
Auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday
School Union.

ART. I. This Society shall consist of the Bishop, Presbyters and Deacons of the Diocese, the Lay Deputies of the Convention, for the time-being, the Superintendents and Teachers of the several Sunday Schools, and all other members of the Branch or congregational Societies hereafter mentioned.

ART. II. The Society shall meet annually, at the time and place, when and where the Convention shall hold its session.—The specific time of meeting shall be at o'clock, on the first day of the session.

ART. III. The Bishop shall be ex-officio President of the Society. The members of the Standing Committee, for the time-being, shall be the Vice Presidents. A Secretary shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society. The Treasurer of the Convention shall also be the Treasurer of the Society.

ART. IV. In every congregation of the Church, in this Diocese, in which a Sunday school now exists, or in which one or more, may hereafter be formed, the Rector or Minister of said congregation, the Superintendent or Superintendents and Teachers of the school or Schools, and every other member of the congregation, of either sex, who shall annually contribute by subscription for the use of the school or schools, a sum not less than fifty cents, or shall have paid to the Treasurer eight dollars in one sum—which payment shall be considered as making such person a subscriber for life—shall constitute a Branch of the Diocesan Society, to be named the Sunday-School Society of _____ Church, at _____ the Rector or Minister of which shall be ex-officio President, and may call a meeting of the Society whenever he may think it necessary. The Society shall choose a Secretary and Treasurer. The concerns of its school or schools shall be under the direction of an executive Committee, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Society, of which the Rector or Minister shall be Chairman, and the superintendent or superintendents shall be members. In cases in which a congregation may be destitute of a Rector or Minister, or should the Minister, in congregations that are supplied, at any time be absent from a meeting of the Society, or of the executive Committee, the superintendent, or if there be more than one, the superintendent, senior in office, shall act as President of the Society, and Chairman of the Committee, during such vacancy or absence.

ART. V. The system of instruction in the Sunday Schools of this Diocese, which shall become branches of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, shall be that recommended by the General Sunday School Union. The form of prayer on opening the school; and the books to be used shall be those, which are, or shall be, set forth by that body.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every

Branch Society to record the proceedings of that body, and to transmit annually to the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, before the meeting of said society, a condensed Report, signed by the President, of the state of the school or schools, the number and names of the superintendents, the number of teachers, number of scholars, progress, &c. which reports shall be read before the Diocesan Society at its annual meetings.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday School Society to record its proceedings; to file the reports named in the last article, and to compile from those reports, once in every year, a Diocesan Report, which, if adopted by the Society, and signed by the President, he shall transmit immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of every Branch Society, to solicit and receive subscriptions to the society, both annual and life, and also donations; to collect annually the moneys due to the society; and to transmit 20 per cent of the donations and annual subscriptions, to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Society. The residue is to be appropriated to the purchase of books, tracts, &c. for the use of the school belonging to the society, and for defraying incidental expenses. No money is, however, to be paid out of the treasury, except the 20 per cent already mentioned, but by the order of the executive Committee, signed by the President.

Any Branch Society may, if it prefer it, appropriate the money arising from life subscriptions, to the formation of a fund, for the purpose of erecting at some future day, a house for the accommodation of its school.

ART. IX. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Society shall, by order of the society, transmit annually one half of the moneys which he may receive from the Branch Societies to the Treasurer of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, for the use of that Body. The remaining half he will keep in fund, subject to the order of for supplying books to the Sunday Schools of such Branch Societies as are unable of themselves to supply all that are necessary.

ART. X. The respective Branch Societies may make such by-laws for the better conducting of the business of their Institutions, as they may think necessary; provided they are not at variance with the Constitution of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, or of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union.

ART. XI. Alterations or amendments of this Constitution can only be made by the concurrent vote of the Diocesan Society and the Convention of the Diocese.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, having performed that duty, and finding them correct, reported accordingly; which report was accepted, and the accounts ordered to be appended to the Journal.

Col. Kean, from the Committee appointed to inquire, how far the the 3d permanent resolution of this Convention, has, during the last year, been infringed; made the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The Committee appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what infringements of the 3d Resolution passed by the Convention of this Diocese in 1811, have taken place, during the past year, Report,

That it appears from a notice in the Newark Eagle, of the 18th of April last, that the Episcopal Church, by which was meant Trinity-Church, Newark, was to be opened on Tuesday the 29th of that month, for the purpose of an address from the Rev. Dr. Power, a Roman Catholic Priest, and for the further purpose of a Concert or Oratorio, to raise funds for the completion of a Roman Catholic Church. And that by a paper published in Paterson, on the 7th of May, and by the evidence of several gentlemen, it appears to your Committee, that this address was delivered. and the exhibition did take place in Trinity-Church,

Newark. Your Committee have no evidence of any other infraction of the Resolution.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev Mr. Wilmer, it was resolved, as the opinion of this Convention, that the Church, in authorising the loaning of our places of worship to other denominations, never contemplated their being used thus by a Church, against whose errors we have protested, or for secular purposes.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ward, resolved, that this Convention approves of the plan and design of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, and heartily recommends that Institution to the support and patronage of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese. Further resolved, that it be recommended to the Sunday Schools of the several parishes in this Diocese, to become auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, until the present measures for the formation of a Diocesan Sunday-School Society shall take effect.

The Rev. W. L. Johnson made application to the Convention, for permission to withdraw a proposed substitute for the 3d article of the Constitution, which he had placed on the minutes of 1826, and which had been called up in the session of 1827, but postponed for further consideration. On motion, leave was granted him,

The Rev. Mr. Wilmer moved, that the alterations in the Liturgy, proposed in the last General Convention, and submitted to the several State Conventions, in order to be acted upon at the next General Convention, be now called up, and considered. On putting the question, the motion was negatived.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ward, resolved that the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the order of the Rt. Rev. D. Croes, the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars, out of any moneys that have accrued since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for, the Episcopal Fund.

On motion, ordered that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed the last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

On motion the Convention adjourned for the space of ten minutes.

The Convention again assembled, and were called to order by the President.

On motion, the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund made their annual report, which was read, accepted, and directed to be appended to the Journal.

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, was then presented; which was also, on motion, read, accepted, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal.

The proposition of two additional articles to the Constitution, made by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, at the last sitting of the Convention, viz. "Whenever, in the course of Divine Providence, a Bishop is to be elected for this Diocese, it shall be requisite for two thirds of each order present, to concur in the choice." and,

"No election can take place, unless notice of a contemplated election shall have been given six months," were called up; and on the question being put on the first article, it was negatived; three only of the clergy, and none of the laity voting in its favour.

Mr. Wilmer then withdrew the second article; and proposed it anew with some modification, viz.

"No election of a Bishop can take place, unless notice of a contemplated election shall have been given six months by the Convention, or Standing Committee, to the different congregations"

The Rev. Dr. Wharton moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted;

Resolved, that this Convention highly approve of the object and designs of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and recommend it to the attention and patronage of the members of the Church in this Diocese.

The minutes of the proceedings having then been read, on motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, D.D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and President of the Convention.

(Attested.) **JOHN CROES, JR. Sec.**

✂ The next annual Convention will be held at New-Brunswick, on the last Wednesday in May, 1829.

✂ *“Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.”*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone, A. B., C. D., and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which, I have hereunto set my hand, or if two vestry men subscribe, we have set our hands, the day and year, above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present: otherwise, by one warden, or two vestry men.”

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF
NEW-JERSEY.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D. residing near New-Brunswick.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, JUN. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-Holly.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev JOHN M. WARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's. Freehold.

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. CHRISTIAN F. CRUSE, Rector-elect of St. John's Church, Salem.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Missionary to the vacant churches.

The Rev. SMITH PYNE, Rector, of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. WILLIAM CHADERTON, residing in Burlington.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, officiates as Minister of St. Matthew's Church, City of Jersey.

APPENDIX No. I.

*Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Convention of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey,
for the year commencing May 30th, 1827.*

Paterson, May 30th, 1827.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

The Rev. John Croes, Jr.	Robert Boggs, Esq.
——— James Chapman,	Dr. Edwd. Carroll.
——— John M. Ward,	
——— Wm. L. Johnson,	

Rev. John Croes Jr. was appointed President, J. M. Ward Secretary.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania made application to this Standing Committee for the testimonial required by the 6th canon of 1820, in favour of the Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop Elect of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which application was complied with. The Committee adjourned.



New-Brunswick, Oct. 3, 1827.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

The Rev. John Croes, Jr.	James Parker, Esq.
——— John M. Ward,	Joseph Marsh, Esq.
——— James Chapman,	Robert Boggs, Esq.
——— Wm. L. Johnson.	Dr. Edward Carroll.

The object of the meeting was to take measures to carry into effect a resolution of the last Convention, requesting them to make application to the Legislature of the State for an alteration of the Act relating to the incorporation of religious societies. For this purpose, they therefore appointed the Rev. Mr. Johnson, and James Parker, and Robert Boggs Esqs. a Committee, with full powers. The Committee adjourned.

JOHN CROES, JR. *President.*

JOHN M. WARD, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX No. II.

The Board of Directors to whom is committed the appropriation of the disposable part of the Missionary fund, beg leave to make the following annual report to the Convention:

That they continue to employ the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, a Missionary to some of the vacant churches; besides furnishing to others, small sums, to enable them to procure some services from neighbouring clergymen.

The following is the report of the Rev. Mr. Holmes.

To the Rt. Rev. John Croes, D.D. President of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund.

RT. REV. SIR,—I have continued steadily to officiate in the places in which I was engaged at the date of my last report.—Two Sundays in each month have been devoted to St. Peter's Church, Morristown, and the remainder has been divided between St. Mark's, Orange, and St. James's, Knowlton; this last receiving my services in the morning, and the towns of Belvidere and Hope, alternately, in the afternoon.

In addition to these services on the Lord's day, I have occasionally, on week days, officiated at Knowlton once, twice, both at Belvidere and Hope; at Orange, 4 times, and at Morristown, and in the vicinity, 11 times. On one Sunday I officiated at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, visiting the

Church at Orange; on one at Elizabetown, in exchange with the Rev. Smith Pyne for Morristown, and on another at Newton, in exchange for Knowlton and Belvidere, with the Rev. Clarkson Dunn.

The Episcopalians in Hope, Warren county, have organized themselves, and become incorporated according to law. The prospects, both of this congregation, and the others in the same county are gratifying, and promise well to reward the labourer, whose time shall be exclusively devoted to them.

Both in Orange, and Morristown, the buildings for public worship have been commenced. The corner-stone of that in the former was laid on the 12th inst. and that of the latter on the 14th, and hopes are indulged that they will be ready for consecration before the close of the present year. In both places, zeal has been manifested and sacrifices made which merit commendation, and call for gratitude to Him "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift." It is, however, to be feared that the funds of neither of the congregations will, be sufficient to defray the necessary expenses of their respective buildings.— It is, hoped, therefore, that the pious liberality and enlightened zeal of their brethren, will afford such aid as it may be in their power to give.

In addition to the facts abovementioned, throwing light upon the state of the congregations which I serve, it will be proper to mention, as tending to the same point, the exertions of the ladies in Morristown. These, although few in number, have within the last 5 months raised the sum of about \$35, 00, affording another illustration of what can be effected by united zeal and patient industry.

I have only now to remark, that the number of attendants upon divine service has, in good weather, been gratifying; and that in all places and on all occasions there have been manifest such attention and appearance of devotion as to encourage the hope that the word of God has been so meekly heard, and received with such pure affection, that it will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit to the honour and praise of God's holy name.

BENJAMIN HOLMES, *Missionary.*

All which the Board respectfully submit.

Signed by order of the Board,

JOHN CROES. *President.*

Burlington, May 29th. 1826.

THE BISHOP OROES-SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

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The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer.			
Aug. 15	To cash paid Terhune & Leison, for printing the Bishop's address, -	\$ 00	\$181 77
Sept. 24	To cash invested in Bond and Mortgage J.	200 00	25 00
1828			3 00
May 29	To balance in the treasury,	- 166 87	15 00
		\$369 87	

State of the Fund.

Note B.	\$100
Do. C.	50
Bond D.	100
Do. E.	150
Do. F.	200
Do. G.	200
Do. H.	250
Do. I.	200
Do. J.	200
Interest due on E. G. and I.	52 25
Balance in the treasury,	166 87
	\$1669 02

If to this sum there be added the subscriptions uncollected, and interest calculated to this day, the fund will be \$188.;

May 30	By balance in the treasury at last report,	\$181 77
Sept. 14	By cash received, a donation from Epist. Society,	25 00
" "	By cash, one year's interest on note C.	3 00
Nov. 12	By cash, a subscription of the late Gen. Doughty,	15 00
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April 1	By cash, one year's interest on Bond H.	15 00
" "	By do. three years' interest on Bond D.	21 00
" "	By do. one year's interest on Note B.	6 00
May 28	By do. a subscription of Wm. N. Jeffers Esq.	17 70
" "	By do. do of Thomas Simmickson Esq.	17 70
" "	By do. do of the Hon. Daniel Garrison,	17 70
" "	By do. do of Isaac Hazichurst, Esq.	15 00
" "	By do. do Rev. Dr. Rudd's last instalment,	5 00
" "	By do. do Thomas Chapman Esq's, subscript.	30 00
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Errors excepted.

Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

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The Rev. William R. Whittingham, Deacon, in St. Mark's Church, Orange.*

LAY DEPUTIES.

Mr. John E. Ruckle, Col. Elias E. Boudinot, and James Beardsley, Esq. from Trinity-Church, Newark ;

Messrs. Samuel Williams, and Ichabod Condit, from St. Mark's Church, Orange ;

Dayton I. Canfield, Henry A. Ford, and John R. Brown Esqrs. from St. Peter's Church, Morristown ;

Mr. Joseph P. Tooker, Francis B. Chetwood, Benjamin Williamson, and Dayton Williamson Esqrs. and Mr. W. Cook, from St. John's Church, Elizabethtown ;

Mr. Thomas G. Marsh, from St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy ;

Messrs. James Langstaff, and James Arnold, from St. James's Church, Piscataway ;

Messrs. Daniel Kemper, Robert Boggs, James Campbell, Dr. Edward Carroll, and William H. Lupp, from Christ-Church, New-Brunswick ;

Messrs. William Snowhill, and John L. Johnston, from St. Peter's Church, Spotswood ;

Mr. Thomas C. Throckmorton, and Dr. John B. Throckmorton, from St. Peter's Church, Freehold ;

Mr. Jacob White, from Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown ;

Mr. Charles Frazer, from St. Michael's Church, Trenton ;

Mr. John H. Carr, from St. Mary's Church, Burlington ;

Mr. Abraham Harris, from St. Mary's Church, Colestown ;

Thomas Chapman, Esq. and Mr. Charles Reeves, from St. Peter's Church, Berkeley ;

Mr. Samuel Black, from Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

* The Rev. Dr. Barry, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, and Mr. Ellis, a lay deputy from the same Church, came to New-Brunswick for the purpose of attending the Convention ; but were obliged to return before the session commenced.

Journal, &c.

New-Brunswick, May 27th, 1829.

This being the time, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and this city being the place assigned in the same instrument, for its present Session—the Rt. Rev. Dr. Croes, and several clergymen and lay deputies assembled in Christ-Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning service was read by the Rev. Clarkson Dunn, and a sermon preached by the Rev. William L. Johnson.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop took the chair, and appointed the Rev. James Chapman and Henry A. Ford Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of their appointment, which the lay deputies might present, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee reported, that there were deputies present from fourteen churches.

The clergymen who attended, were

The Rt. Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop.

The Rev. Jas. Chapman The Rev. Eli Wheeler

—John Croes, Jr.

—Wm. L. Johnson

—Clarkson Dunn

—Matth. Matthews

—Henry P. Powers

—Benj. Holmes

—John M. Ward

—Wm. Douglass

The Lay Deputies present, were

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James Beardsley

James Campbell

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Francis B. Chetwood	Jacob White
Benjamin Williamson	Charles Frazer
Dayton Williamson	Abraham Harris
William Cook	Thomas Chapman
Thomas G. Marsh	Charles Reeves
James Langstaff	Samuel Black
James Arnold	

The number of churches represented, being sufficient to constitute a Convention, the members were called to order by the President, and the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion, the election of a Secretary took place, when the Rev. John Croes, Jr. was unanimously re-elected to that office.

It was moved and resolved, that clergymen belonging to other Dioceses who are now, or may be in this city, during the session of this Convention, be invited to attend its sittings. Whereupon the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, a Presbyterian of the Diocese of Connecticut, now residing at Elizabethtown, and the Rev. Samuel Johnson, of the Diocese of New-York, attended, and took seats.

On motion, the rules of order, adopted for the government of the Convention of 1828, were read, and adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Croes then delivered the address required by a canon of the General Convention.

ADDRESS.


MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY—

The annual period has again returned, when, according to the Constitution of the Church, in this Diocese, and with the divine permission, you have assembled to be made acquainted with its condition, and to consult, with the aids of the Holy Spirit, for its future welfare.

It is made a part of my duty, on these occasions, to give you such a statement of my visitations, the duties which I have performed, and the state of the churches generally, as may assist you in both these respects.

I inform you, therefore, that on my return from the Convention of last year, I visited St. Michael's Church, at Trenton; and on Friday, the 30th of May, preached in that Church, and administered confirmation to seven persons. On the following Sunday I also preached both morning and afternoon in the same Church, and examined, with great satisfaction, the catechumens.

I visited also, on Sunday, the 22d of June, St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey, and officiated twice. The condition of that Church, I have great pleasure in stating, has, within the last three years, by the blessing of God, greatly improved, both in its temporal affairs, the increase of the congregation, and the number of communicants. The



building in which it worships is in fine order, and provided with a suitable organ. Great credit is due to the zeal both of the pastor and his flock.

In the month of July I visited St. John's Church at Elizabethtown, and officiated both morning and afternoon. This Church, always among the largest, appears to be in an improving state.

In August I visited Christ-Church, at Newton, and on Sunday the 3d officiated twice, and administered confirmation to nine persons. This Church is gradually increasing in numbers, and improving both in its temporal and spiritual concerns.

On Tuesday the 5th, I visited—accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Dunn—the lately organized congregation at Hope, denominated St. Luke's Church, and officiated. On the following morning, I visited St. James's Church at Knowlton, and also officiated in that Church. In the evening of the same day, still accompanied by the Rev. Rector of the church at Newton, I preached to the Episcopalians at Belvidere. Returning from the churches at Sussex and Warren counties, I visited, on the 8th of August, the congregation of St. Peter's Church at Morristown, and on Sunday the 10th performed Divine service, and preached, both morning and afternoon. I visited also St. Mark's Church at Orange, and performed the same services, on Sunday the 17th of August. The congregations of both these churches are increasing, and bid fair to become respectable both in numbers and zeal.

On Wednesday, the 20th of August, I visited Christ-Church at Shrewsbury, and, on the succeeding day, preached and administered confirmation.

to twenty-five persons in that church. On Sunday the 24th I again officiated at that church, in the morning, and at Christ-Church, Middletown, in the afternoon. The church at Shrewsbury is in a flourishing state.

In September, I visited Trinity-Church, at Woodbridge, and on Sunday the 7th officiated.— On Wednesday the 17th, I visited St. Peter's Church at Perth-Amboy, and preached. I also visited, on Sunday the 21st, St. James's Church, Piscataway, and officiated.

In October I visited St. Paul's Church, at Paterson, and officiated, both morning and afternoon, on Sunday the 19th. I also baptized two children. I made appointments to visit other churches in this month, but was prevented from fulfilling them by sickness.

In November, I visited Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, and officiated.

In the month of December, I again visited the congregation of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, and, on Thursday the 4th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a neat and commodious edifice, recently erected in the Gothic style. This church is the first one of our communion that has ever been erected in Morristown, or indeed in the county. In the performance of the office, the presence of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hobart of the Diocese of New-York, afforded me much pleasure, who kindly assisted me in the administration of the holy communion to a considerable number of recipients. The congregation was very numerous, and uncommonly orderly and attentive.

On Thursday the 19th of February, 1829, I again visited St. Mark's Church, at Orange; and on Friday the 20th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a handsome, neat and commodious edifice, lately erected under the denomination of St. Mark's Church. This, like St. Peter's Church at Morristown, is the first Episcopal Church ever erected in Orange; the congregation not having been organized more than three years. On the succeeding Sunday, I performed divine service, and preached, both morning and afternoon, in the same church.

On Saturday the 25th of April, I visited St. Peter's Church, at Spotswood, preached and administered confirmation to nineteen persons. On the succeeding day I officiated three times in the same church, and again held a confirmation. The number confirmed was nine.

On Monday the 27th of the same month, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Ward, I visited St. Peter's Church at Freehold, and performed divine service and preached.

In the month of May, I visited St. Peter's Church at Perth-Amboy, and, on Sunday the 3d, preached twice, and administered confirmation to twelve persons.

On Thursday, the seventh of the same month, I visited Trinity-Church, at Swedesborough, and officiated.

On the succeeding day, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, I visited the churches of St. Thomas, Glassborough, and St. Stephen, Mullica Hill, and officiated in both.

On Saturday the 9th, accompanied by the Rev. Henry M. Mason, now the Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, I visited that Church, and on Sunday the 10th, I officiated both morning and afternoon. It was my intention on that day to visit also St George's, Pennsneck, but the state of the weather prevented me. On Tuesday, the 12th of May, I attended, in Philadelphia, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church. The funds of the society are gradually enlarging, and the means adopted by the Board further to increase them, and to provide the necessary missionaries, evince a higher degree of zeal, and vigour of proceeding, than the Board has been able to manifest on any former occasion.

In the course of our conventional year, confirmation has been administered to eighty-one persons.

Some changes have taken place with respect to the clergymen belonging to this Diocese. Among these ought especially to be mentioned, the decease of the aged and venerable Dr. Abraham Beach, who, for many years, was the respectable Rector of this church; and who, after an absence of nearly thirty years, performing the duties of a minister of Trinity-church, New-York, returned to his farm, near this city, and spent, in peace and tranquility, the residue of a life of eighty-eight year's duration.

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse has resigned his charge of the churches of Salem and Pennsneck, and has removed to the Diocese of New-York.

The Rev. Smith Pyne, late Rector of St. John's

Church, Elizabethtown, has also resigned his charge, and removed into the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. William Douglas, late a Presbyter of the Church of England, having transferred his residence from Great Britain to the State of New-Jersey, and having presented satisfactory testimonials of the correctness of his moral and religious character, and been in this Diocese a longer time than the canon, relative to foreign clergymen, required, has been admitted a Presbyter of it, and is now officiating at St. James's Church, Piscataway, and at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. Henry M. Mason, late a Presbyter of the Diocese of Connecticut, has removed into this Diocese, been admitted one of its Presbyters, and has become the minister of St. John's Church, Salem, and of St. George's, Pennsneck.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry D. D. late a presbyter in the Diocese of New-York, has removed into this Diocese, and been admitted as one of its presbyters. He continues to officiate in St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey.

The Rev. William R. Whittingham, late a Deacon in the Diocese of New-York, has, by a letter dimissory from the Right Rev. Dr. Hobart, Bishop of that Diocese, been transferred to this, and is now officiating, by permission, at St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, who, as stated before, had left this Diocese, some time during the last autumn, has, within a few days, returned to it, and been received as one of its presbyters,

He is now the principal of the Newark Academy.

While I am upon the subject of changes in the clergy of the Diocese, I cannot, my brethren, omit calling your attention to the afflicting events of the deaths of two of the most distinguished and worthy lay members of our church in this Diocese. I allude to that of Col. Peter Kean of the northern section, and Joseph V. Clark Esq. of the southern.

When we assembled, in May last, at Burlington, these gentlemen were with us, in health, and took an active part in our deliberations. Their zeal for the advancement of religion, and of the church of which they were members—their great respectability and usefulness as citizens, and their liberality in giving support to institutions having the public good for their object, whether religious or secular, so recommended them to their lay brethren of the Convention, that they were often deputed to represent that body in the great triennial councils of our Church. But it has pleased the Almighty and all wise Disposer of events to take them from us, in the prime of life, and in the midst of their usefulness; yet, however severe the affliction and heavy the loss, it becomes us to submit to this, doubtless wise dispensation of his providence, however inscrutable to us, and to keep constantly in mind the solemn truth, that as we know not the day nor the hour, when the Son of Man cometh, we ought always, in dependence on his grace, to endeavour to be prepared to meet him.

During the year which has elapsed, since the last Convention, I have, as heretofore, attended to

my duties as a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary of our Church, and heard the examination of the students. I was present also at the commencement of the first, or senior class. The Seminary appears to be flourishing; but it is to be regretted, that its funds are not yet sufficient to meet the annual expenditures of the institution.

The church in New-Jersey, through the goodness of God, is still making progress. It now numbers thirty-one congregations, accommodated with thirty edifices for public worship, all in good repair; several of them new, or nearly so. Its funds generally are gradually increasing. The fund for the relief of widows and children of clergymen of the Diocese amounts to more than \$12000. Its Missionary Fund, to nearly \$4000. The Fund for the Bishop Croes-Scholarship, when all the subscriptions are paid in, and the interest collected, will amount to \$2,000, which is the sum required to constitute a Scholarship in the Seminary. The Episcopal Fund is at present rather stationary.—The permanent fund of the society for promoting Christian knowledge, &c. amounts to \$1,350.

That the Church may continue to increase, and “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,” is the ardent prayer of my heart. “To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

JOHN CROES.

New-Brunswick, May 27th, 1829.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ward, the Convention resumed the consideration of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Society of the Diocese of New-Jersey; auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, reported at the last Convention, by a committee appointed to draught such Constitution, the consideration of which, had then been deferred to the present Convention. After some observations on the subject, and filling the blank in the second article with the number "three," and the blank in the ninth article with the words "the Bishop," the Constitution, as reported, was adopted. [See Appendix No. I]

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, appeared, and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to resume its sitting at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention assembled. pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, and the Rev. Henry M. Mason, minister of St. John's Church, Salem, and St. George's, Pennsneck, appeared, and took their seats.

After the Convention was called to order, the Bishop presented the parochial reports, which were read, and are in substance as follow.

Christ,-Church, New-Brunswick,

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Rector.

Families in that Church, about 59—*communicants*, 6 added, 2 deceased, 1 removed, 45—*Baptisms*, 1 baptized out of the congregation, 8—*Marriages*, 5—*Funerals*, 5 of the congregation, 6 others, 11—*catechumens*, 35—*Sunday-School Scholars*, about

50. The congregation of this Church is evidently improving in zeal, and in piety. More interest is shown in the promotion of religion, than had manifested itself in any previous time; and which it is hoped, through the blessing of God, will not only continue, but increase. Much has also been done, especially by the unparalleled exertions of the female members of the congregation, in repairing, improving and beautifying the ancient temple in which we are now assembled, and which cannot escape the notice of any beholder. Great credit is justly due to them for their untiring zeal in thus rendering the house, long since erected for the worship of God, a more suitable and convenient place for that holy purpose, than it ever was before.

St. Paul's Church, Paterson.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, JR. Rector.

Families, about 80—*communicants*, 27—*Baptisms*, 19—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, 9.—The Rector feels great pleasure in stating, that the Sunday-School attached to St. Paul's Church is more flourishing than at any former period; it numbers at this time more than 80 scholars, of whom upwards of 60 regularly attend. This improvement is to be attributed to the praiseworthy zeal and diligence of the superintendent and teachers. The school is attached to the General Episcopal Sunday-School Union. The debt contracted by the building of St. Paul's Church still remains unpaid, and it is to be feared will be a serious obstacle to the prosperity of the Church.

Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, Minister.

Families and contributors, 35—*communicants*, 1 deceased and three removed, 18—*Baptisms*, 1 adult, 18 children, 19—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, some not of the congregation, 10. The prospects generally continue to be encouraging. There has been an apparent blessing of the Spirit upon our labours, which has resulted in an increase of the members, and zeal of the congregation; and it is humbly believed, that a growing attachment to the duties of religion and the spirit of the Church, gradually manifests itself. These circumstances have induced me to open my church afternoons and evenings, for occasional additional services. Since the period of my last report, from the

repairs which it has undergone, the church is much improved and beautified, in external as well as internal appearance; to the accomplishment of which objects, much zeal and laudable exertions have been shown by the ladies of the congregation.

Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector.

Families, about 80—*communicants*, 5 added, 3 deceased, 2 removed, about 65—*Baptisms*, 15—*Marriages*, 10—*Funerals*, 6 in the congregation, 4 others, 10. The Sunday-School has been small through the winter, and we have deferred efforts to increase it, till after the sitting of the Convention, under the expectation that a Diocesan plan of organization would be adopted.

The pews of the Church are better rented, and the services better attended than usual; and though violent efforts have been made to sow dissention in the congregation, it may be pronounced on the increase.

St. Matthew's Church, City of Jersey.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. Minister.

Families, about 25—*communicants*, 7 added, 4 deceased, 6 removed, and 2 suspended, 20—*Baptisms*, 3 adults, 23 children, 26—*Marriages*, 6—*Funerals*, 9—*Sunday-School Scholars*, between 50 and 60. The ladies of the congregation generally have formed themselves into an association, whose object is to promote the prosperity of the Sunday-School attached to this Church, and which is in connexion with the Episcopal Sunday-School Union. Ever since the first organization of this society, the most laudable zeal and perseverance have been manifested, and the hope is cherished, that with the divine blessing upon their labour, the efforts of these female members of our Church will lead to very favourable results.

St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Late Minister.

Families and Individuals holding pews, 56—*communicants*, 1 deceased, 1 added, 13—*Baptisms*, 1 adult, 2 children, 3—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 1.

St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector-Elect.

Communicants, 7 added, 21—*Baptisms*, 7—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 4—*Sunday-School-Scholars*, about 30.

St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

Families, 85—*communicants*, 85—*Baptisms*, since the late Rector removed, 8—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 3. Through the exertions of several ladies, a society has been lately organized, which is composed of the female part of the congregation generally, from whose zealous exertions it is believed great good will result.

The Sunday-School has been reorganized, and is hereafter to be conducted on the plan of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union. A Sunday-School Society was organized the last Sunday, to be in Union with, and auxiliary to the General Institution. The school has been re-opened with very encouraging prospects. The number of scholars has greatly increased. The society has a Board of Directors, consisting of a President, 2 Superintendents, 8 Managers, a Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, 7 male, and 8 female teachers, and on the first opening of the school, 70 scholars.

Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector.

Families about 50—*communicants*, 15—*Baptisms*, 2 adults, 6 children, 8—*Marriages*, 3—*Funerals*, 4 of the congregation, 9 others, 13—*Sunday-School Scholars*, 65.

St. James's Church, Knowlton.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Late Minister.

Families and contributors, about 70—*Communicants*, about 20—*Baptisms*, 7.

St. Luke's Church, Hope.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Late Minister.

Families and contributors, about 30—*communicants*, 1 added, 11—*Baptisms*, 7—*Funerals*, 1—*Sunday-School Scholars*, 40.

St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, about 40—*communicants*, 4 deceased, 34—*Baptisms*, 10 infants, 1 adult, 11—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 10 of the congregation, 22 of others, 32—Number of young persons instructed as a *Bible class*, and in the Catechism No. 3 of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, about 20; a part of which are Cadets, belonging to the Literary and Scientific and Military Academy of Perth-Amboy.

St. James's Church, Piscataway.

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Minister,

Families, 22—*communicants*, 6—*Baptisms*, 4 adults—*Funerals*, of the congregation, 2; not of the congregation, 1—total, 3—*Sunday-School Scholars*, 25. Mr Douglass commenced his labours in this Church, about the first of December last. He represents the congregation, though small, to be very attentive and regular.

St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector.

Families, about 43; *individual contributors*, 7, making 50—*communicants*, 3 added, 1 deceased, 27—*Baptisms*, 7 adults, 16 infants, 23—*Marriages*, 1—*Funerals*, 4—*Sunday-School Scholars*, 30.

St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Minister.

Families, about 20, and 40 *individual contributors*, 60—*communicants*, 21—*Baptisms*, 1.

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, Rector of the former, and Minister of the latter

communicants, 4 deceased, 7 added, 68—*Baptisms*, in Shrewsbury, 2 adults, 3 infants, 5, elsewhere, 4 infants—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, 12 belonging to the Church, 2 not belonging, 14—*Sunday-School Scholars*, at Tinton Falls, 40, at Shrewsbury, 30—*Bible Class*, 15.

St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, Rector.

Families, 56—*communicants*, 47—*Baptisms*, 8—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 15—*catechumens*, in two classes, 33—Sunday-School Scholars, regular attendants, from 30 to 40. The Rector further reports, that the congregation is improving in numbers, and that there appears to be an increasing attention to the services of the Church. An association of young ladies has been formed, in aid of the Missionary Fund, who have raised, by their industry and ingenuity, a considerable sum, which they have appropriated, for this year only, to the pressing necessities of their own Church. By a very commendable zeal and liberality, in which all did well, and some few beyond all praise, the ladies of the congregation have erected the beautiful steeple which now adorns our sacred edifice. They have also ordered a bell, weighing 500lbs. the sound of which we expect to hear in a few weeks. The hope is indulged, that the universal approbation which has been excited by *their* industry and liberality, will evince itself, not in words only, but also in deeds, and that for *their* sake alone, even if there should be no other cause, the gentlemen of the congregation will respond to their solicitude for the welfare and character of the Church.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector.

Families, from 50 to 60—*communicants*, about the same number—*Baptisms*, 9—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, 9—Sunday-School Scholars, (taught according to the plan of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union,) about 50. The congregation is increasing in numbers, and attention to the regular worship of the Church. The ladies, associated for missionary purposes, continue punctual and zealous in their highly praiseworthy exertions, which have produced, since last Convention, the sum of one hundred and two dollars.

St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

communicants, 3 deceased, 1 removed, 32—*Baptisms*, 4—Sunday-School Scholars, on an average, 66.

Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, Rector.

Families occasionally attending, about 150—*communicants*, 5

added, 4 died, 3 removed, 1 suspended, 83—*Baptisms*, 5 adults, 24 children, 29—*Marriages*, 6—Sunday-Schools, 2.

Anti-Christian doctrines and practices prevail in our neighbourhood, yet some remain steadfast.

St. John's Church, Salem.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Minister.

The charge of this congregation has been so recently assumed by its present minister, as to prevent his entering into any particulars of its situation or its prospects. His settlement among them has, however, been welcomed with a cordiality, which evidences no small degree of attachment to the ordinances of the Church, of which it was their unhappiness to be for some months deprived; and that attachment is exhibited, as far as can yet be judged, in a highly creditable degree of zeal. To the report of its former Rector, the Convention must be referred for a list of the families and communicants, which appears to be, of the former, 32, and of the latter, 17.

St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Minister.

The residence of the pastor of this Church being in Salem, he has been afforded even less opportunity of becoming minutely acquainted with its condition, than of his parish of St John's. To the report of a former year he must also refer for an account of its number of families and communicants, which appears to have been 28 of the former, and 12 of the latter, and of which he is not conscious, either here or in Salem, that there has been any recent diminution.

Mr. James Langstaff requested, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

On motion, the clergymen and church-wardens were called on for their reports of collections, made in their respective churches, during the past year, for the Missionary and Episcopal Funds.

In compliance with the request, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary Fund.		Episcopal Fund.	
In the Church at Paterson,	00	00	00	00
Chapel at Belleville,	1	09	00	77
Church at Newark,	11	60	00	00
From the Female Miss. Soc. of Trinity-Church, Newark, for 1828,	40	00	00	00
but not then received in time to be published,	5	00	00	00
From a lady of the same congregation, a donation,	40	00	00	00
From the Female Miss Soc. of the same Church, in 1829,	5	00	00	00
From the same lady, another donation,	7	00	00	00
In the Church, city of Jersey,	00	00	00	00
Church, Elizabethtown.	1	03	00	00
Church, Woodbridge,	8	39	6	801.2
Church, Perth-Amboy,	14	50	23	00
Church, New-Brunswick,	3	32	00	00
Church, Spotswood,	5	95	00	00
Church at Piscataway,	12	37	5	56
Churches at Shrewsbury and Middletown,	00	00	9	61.4
Church at Trenton,	20	00	00	00
A donation from the Rev Mr Johnson, the Rector,	102	50	00	00
A contribution from the ladies of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, associated for }	00	00	00	00
missionary purposes,	00	00	00	00
In the Church at Mount Holly,	00	00	00	00
Church at Swedesborough,	11	00	00	00
The ladies of St. John's Church, Salem, associated for Miss. purposes,	1	15	00	00
A collection from St. Mary's Church, Colestown,	1	00	00	00
A donation from St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill,	1	00	00	00
A collection from St. Peter's Church, Freehold,	1	50	00	00

On motion, the clergymen were called on for their reports of missionary services, rendered in conformity with the fourth permanent resolution of the Convention.

The Rev. John Croes, Jr. reported, that he had preached one Sunday at Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Matthew Matthews reported, that he had preached gratuitously as a missionary, one Sunday at St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, and administered the Communion—That he had also officiated three Sundays in St. Mary's Church, Colestown, both those churches being destitute of Ministers. He also preached one Sunday at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop, performing Episcopal duties.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he had officiated once at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he had officiated twice at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, on Sundays

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported, that he had preached once on a Sunday, at New-Brunswick, by appointment of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson reported, that in the month of June last, he preached one Sunday, at the vacant Church of St. Thomas, at Alexandria.


The Rev. Mr. Wilmer reported, that he had frequently officiated at Berkeley, Mullica Hill, and Glassborough.

The proposition offered by Mr. William Snowhill, at the last Convention, to amend the first article of the Constitution, in the following manner, viz.—“to erase the word *and*, before ‘Swedesborough,’ and insert the words *and Spotnwood*, after ‘Swedesborough,” was now called up by the proposer, and adopted.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and make report to the Convention. The Rev. Mr. Dunn, and Dayton I Canfield Esq. were appointed for this purpose.

Mr. Thomas C. Throckmorton, and Dr. J. B. Throckmorton asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Convention went into the election of a Standing Committee, and of Deputies to the General Convention for the ensuing year.



During this process, a motion was made, and carried, to adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Thursday morning, May 28th, 1829.

The Convention met at nine o'clock, together with the congregation of Christ-Church, it being the anniversary of the ascension of our blessed Lord. The service for the day was read by the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, except the Communion service, which was read by the Bishop. The Bishop then delivered a Charge to the clergy of his diocese.

After these services, the members of the Convention took their seats, and the proceedings of the former day were read.

The Rev. William R. Whittingham appeared and took his seat.

Mr. John H. Carr, a deputy from St. Mary's Church, Burlington, also appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. George Weller, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Secretary and Agent of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, appeared, and was admitted to the sittings.

On motion, the Convention resumed the unfinished business of electing a Standing Committee, and Deputies to the General Convention. The ballots being counted, the result was, that the following persons were elected.

The Standing Committee.

Rev. John Croes, Jr.
James Chapman,
John M. Ward,
William L. Johnson,
Of the clergy.

Robert Boggs, Esq.
Dr. Edward Carroll,
James Parker, Esq.
Joseph Marsh, Esq.
Of the laity.

Deputies to the General Convention.

Rev. C. H. Wharton, D.D.
John Croes, Jr.
Clarkson Dunn,
William L. Johnson,
Of the clergy.

George C. Thomas, Esq.
Mark W. Collet, Esq.
Thomas Sinnickson, Esq.
Thomas Chapman, Esq.
Of the laity.

Mr. Jacob White of Shrewsbury, and Mr. Abraham Harris of Colestown, asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, having performed that duty, and finding them correct, reported accordingly, which report was accepted, and the accounts ordered to be appended to the Journal. [See Appendix No. V.]

On motion, resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be given to the Right Rev. Bishop Croes, for his Charge to the clergy of the Diocese, delivered this day; and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication.

Mr. Dayton L. Canfield proposed for the consideration of the Convention, the following amendment of the first article of the Constitution, viz. to insert the word *Morristown* between "viz." and "Newark;" and the word *Orange*, between "Mount Holy," and "Shrewsbury."

The proposition of an additional article to the Constitution, made by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, at the last sitting of the Convention, viz. "No election of a Bishop can take place, unless notice of a contemplated election shall have been given six months, by the Convention or Standing Committee, to the differ-

ent congregations," was called up for decision; and, on the question being taken, it was decided in the negative.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the order of the Right Rev Dr. Croes, the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars, out of any moneys that have accrued, since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for, the Episcopal fund.

On motion, the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund made their annual report, which was read, accepted, and directed to be appended to the Journal [See Appendix No. II.]

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee was then presented, which was also, on motion, read, accepted, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal. [See Appendix No. III.]

On motion, it was ordered, that the Act of the Legislature of this state, incorporating this Convention; and the Act, adapting the Act for the incorporation of churches, more particularly to accord with the constitution and usages of the Protestant Episcopal church in New-Jersey, be printed in an Appendix to the Journal. [See Appendix No. IV.]

The Convention went into the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary for the three ensuing years, when the following persons were chosen.

The Rev. John Croes, Jr.	The Rev. Matthew Matthews,
Rev. William L. Johnson,	George C. Thomas, Esq.

The proposed alterations of the liturgy and constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as communicated to this Convention, by the General Convention of 1826, were now called up for consideration and read. It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Chapman, that it is inexpedient to go into the consideration of them. The previous question on this motion was then called for, and the decision was in the negative.

On motion, ordered, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed, as was directed to be printed last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportions.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to half past three o'clock, P. M.

Thursday afternoon, half past three o'clock.

• The Convention assembled, and were called to order. No business being before the house, the Minutes were directed to be read; when, after singing the 133d Psalm, and prayers by the Bishop, and the blessing, on motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, *President.*

(*Attested.*) JOHN CROES, JR. *Secretary.*


✂ The next annual Convention will be held at Swedesborough, on the last Wednesday in May, 1830.

✂ “*Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand, (or, if two vestry men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, otherwise by one warden, or two vestry men.”



List of the Clergy in the Diocese of New-Jersey.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. *Charles H. Wharton*, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. *James Chapman*, Rector of St. Peter's Church Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. *John Croes*, Junr. Rector of St. Paul's Church Paterson.

The Rev. *George Y. Morehouse*, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. *Clarkson Dunn*, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. *Henry P. Powers*, Rector of Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. *John M. Ward*, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, and Minister of St. Peter's Church, Freehold.

The Rev. *Simon Wilmer*, Rector of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. *William L. Johnson*, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. *Eli Wheeler*, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Minister of Christ-Church Middletown.

The Rev. *Matthew Matthews*, Minister of Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. *Benjamin Holmes*, Rectorelect of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. *William Chaderton*, residing as an Instructor at Burlington.

The Rev. *William Douglass*, Minister of St. James's Church, Piscataway, and officiating at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. *Henry M. Mason*, Minister of St. John's Church, Salem, and of St. George's, Pennsneck.

The Rev. *Edmund D. Barry, D.D.* Minister of St. Matthew's Church, city of Jersey.

The Rev. *William R. Whittingham*, Deacon, officiating in St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. *Christian F. Cruse*, Principal of the Academy at Newark.

The Rev. *Birdsey G. Noble*, of the Diocese of Connecticut, now residing at Elizabethtown, and officiating at St. John's Church.

APPENDIX, N^o. I.

THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Society

OF THE

DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY;

Auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School

UNION.

Art. I. This Society shall consist of the Bishop, Presbyters and Deacons of the Diocese, the Lay Deputies of the Convention, for the time-being, the Superintendents and Teachers of the several Sunday-Schools, and all other members of the Branch or congregational societies hereafter mentioned.

Art. II. The Society shall meet annually, at the time and place, when and where the Convention shall hold its session.—The specific time of meeting shall be at three o'clock on the first day of the session.

Art. III. The Bishop shall be ex-officio President of the Society. The members of the Standing Committee, for the time-being, shall be the Vice Presidents. A Secretary shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society. The Treasurer of the Convention shall also be the Treasurer of the Society.

Art. IV. In every congregation of the Church, in this Diocese, in which a Sunday-School now exists, or in which one or more may hereafter be formed, the Rector or Minister of said congregation, the superintendent or superintendents and teachers of the school or schools, and every other member of the congregation, of either sex, who shall annually contribute by subscription, for the use of the school or schools, a sum not less than fifty cents, or who shall have paid to the Treasurer eight dollars in one sum—which payment shall be considered as making such person a subscriber for life—shall constitute a Branch of the Diocesan Society, to be named the Sunday-School Society of _____ Church, at _____, the Rector or Minister of which shall be ex-officio President, and may call a meeting of the Society whenever he may think it necessary.—The Society shall choose a Secretary and Treasurer. The concerns of its school or schools shall be under the direction of an executive committee, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Society, of which the Rector or Minister shall be Chairman, and the superintendent or superintendents shall be members. In cases in which a congregation may be destitute of a Rector or Minister, or should the minister, in congregations that are supplied, at any time be absent from a meeting of the Society, or of the executive committee, the superintendent, or, if there be more than one, the superintendent, senior in office, shall act as President of the Society, and Chairman of the Committee, during such vacancy or absence.

Art. V. The system of instruction in the Sunday-schools of this Diocese, which shall become branches of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, shall be that recommended by the General Sunday-School Union. The form of prayer on opening the school, and the books to be used, shall be those which are, or shall be, set forth by that body.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Branch Society to record the proceedings of that body, and to transmit annually to the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, before the meeting of said society, a condensed report, signed by the President, of the state of the school or schools, the number and names of the superintendents, the number of teachers, number of scholars, progress, &c. which reports shall be read before the Diocesan Society at its annual meetings.

Art. VII. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society to record its proceedings ; to file the reports named in the last article, and to compile from those reports, once in every year, a Diocesan Report, which, if adopted by the society, and signed by the President, he shall transmit immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of every Branch Society, to solicit and receive subscriptions to the Society, both annual and life, and also donations ; to collect annually, the moneys due to the Society ; and to transmit 20 per cent of the donations and annual subscriptions, to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Society. The residue is to be appropriated to the purchase of books, tracts, &c. for the use of the school belonging to the society, and for defraying incidental expenses. No money is, however, to be paid out of the Treasury, except the 20 per cent already mentioned, but by the order of the executive Committee, signed by the President.

Any Branch Society may, if it prefer it, appropriate the money arising from life subscriptions, to the formation of a fund, for the purpose of erecting at some future day, a house for the accommodation of its school.

Art. IX. The Treasurer of the Diocesan Society shall, by order of the society, transmit annually one half of the moneys which he may receive from the Branch societies, to the Treasurer of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union, for the use of that body. The remaining half he will keep in fund, subject to the order of the Bishop, for supplying books to the Sunday-Schools of such Branch Societies as are unable of themselves to supply all that are necessary.

Art. X. The respective Branch societies may make such by-laws for the better conducting of the business of their Institutions, as they may think necessary, provided they are not at variance with the Constitution of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, or of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union.

Art. XI. Alterations or amendments of this Constitution can only be made by the concurrent vote of the Diocesan Society, and the Convention of the Diocese.

APPENDIX, N^o. II.



The Board of Directors, to whom is committed the appropriation of the disposable part of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following annual report to the Convention ;

That the Rev. Mr. Holmes had continued his office of Missionary to certain vacant churches in the Diocese, till the first of the present month, when he declined serving longer in that capacity, and has taken charge of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, which was one of the churches included in his mission.

His report for the last year is as follows.

To the Right Reverend John Croes, D. D. President of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund.

RIGHT REV. SIR—

The congregations which I served at the date of my last report, have since received services on the following number of Sundays—those in Warren county, 12—that in Morristown, 19—and the one in Orange, 11—besides which 10 have been equally devoted to the last two. On three of these Sundays the Bishop officiated, and on another, the Rev. Mr. Powers, while on the same days I supplied their respective churches.—In Warren county, divine service has been held at Knowlton, once on each of the 12 Sundays—14 times, (10 on Sundays, and 4 on other days of the week,) at Hope, and 7 times at Belvidere. In addition to the regular services of the Lord's day, I have officiated, on other days, 9 times in Morristown, and 8 in Orange.

The church edifices in Morristown and Orange, which were last year reported to have been commenced, have been completed, and in a style reflecting great credit upon the liberality and zeal of the respective congregations. St. Peter's, Morristown, was consecrated Dec. 4th, 1828, and St. Mark's, Orange, Feb. 20th, 1829. Of the latter, 54 pews have since been sold, and

The Rev. John Croes, Jr. was appointed *Pres't.* and the Rev. Mr. Ward, *Sec'ty.*

It was Resolved, that, as the object contemplated by the Convention, in the application of the Committee to the Legislature of this State, to procure an amendment of the Act relative to the incorporation of religious societies, was not effected. The same Committee be continued, and the Rev. John Croes Jr. be added to their number.

Committee adjourned.

JOHN M. WARD, *Secretary.*

The Committee afterwards reported, that application had been made to the Legislature, and the object of their petition had been granted by that honourable Body.

APPENDIX, N^o. IV.

An Act to incorporate "The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey."—Passed November 20th, 1826.

I. Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State—and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Rev. John Croes, Charles H. Wharton, John Croes, Jr. George Y. Morehouse, Clarkson Dunn, Simon Wilmer, William L. Johnson, Matthew Matthews, Christian F. Cruse and Benjamin Holmes, and Joseph Marsh, Robert Boggs, Zachariah Rossell, Christian Lazalere, George Haywood, Isaac Welsh, Joseph V. Clark, Charles C. Stratton, Enoch Aggins, Thomas Sinnickson, and Aaron Wright, and their associates,

forming the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey, and their successors, duly appointed, according to the Constitution of the said Church, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, by the name and title of "The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey."

II. And be it enacted, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable, in law, to purchase, have, hold, take, use, and enjoy, in fee simple, or any life or other estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, liberties, privileges, franchises, or other hereditaments; and also, any goods, chattels, moneys, legacies, donations, or other estate or property whatsoever, given or granted to the said Convention, in any manner or way whatsoever, *provided always*, that the income thereof shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars per annum. And further, that all the estate, real, personal, and mixed, now belonging to, or held by the said Convention, shall be vested in, and held, and managed by the said corporation, and their successors; and that the said corporation and their successors shall and may give, grant, sell and convey, demise, assign, release, or otherwise dispose of, all or any of their messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, possessions and other hereditaments, and real estate, and all goods, chattels and personal estate, and other things aforesaid, as to the said corporation shall seem meet; and that the said corporation shall be able and capable, in law, to sue and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered, defend, and be defended, in all courts, and all and every other matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, body politic or corporate in this state, in the like cases can or may do; and that they shall have full power to demand and receive, and if need be, to sue for, and recover all debts, rents and legacies which are now due, or may become due to the said Convention; and to demand, have, and take all deeds, bonds, and mortgages, notes, books, and other writings or things which belong to the said Convention; and shall, and may have and use a common seal, with such device or devices as they shall think proper, and the same to break, renew or alter at pleasure.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said corporation to appoint a Treasurer, during their pleasure, who

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the Rector, wardens, and vestrymen shall choose a Treasurer, who, when called upon for that purpose, shall render a true and just account to the corporation, of all moneys by him received and expended, and pay over the balance which may remain in his hands at the time of settlement, to his successor in office.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That when a vacancy shall occur in the office of Minister or Rector, by death, removal, or otherwise, the said wardens and vestrymen, (two-thirds of them concurring in the choice,) may choose some fit person, duly qualified, to act as Minister or Rector of said church, agreeably to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and the Minister or Rector so chosen, shall preside at all meetings of the wardens and vestrymen, and have a casting vote, except the business or question to be decided has relation to personal interest of said Minister or Rector; *Provided*, that in the absence of the President, the wardens and vestrymen may choose a President pro tempore.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, incorporated under existing laws, to embrace the privileges of this Act, by compliance with, and adopting its provisions.

APPENDIX, No. V. The Missionary Fund.

Dr		The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer.		Cr	
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1828					
June 1	To cash invested in Bond and Mortgage No. XXVII.	300 00			
"	To Cash paid the Rev. John Croes Jr. for missionary services, during the past year,	60 00			
19	To cash paid the Rev. Mr. Holmes for do.	125 00			
July 3	To cash paid Terhune & Lelton for printing the Journal,	38 69			
Oct. 25	To do paid Elijah Wilson, for keeping in repair the grave yard fence at Amwell,	3 75			
Nov. 29	To do. paid to the Rev. J. M. Ward, for missionary services at Freehold and Piscataway,	50 00			
Dec. 12	To do. invested in Bond and Mortgage No. XXVIII.	260 00			
18	To do. paid Rev. Benjamin Holmes for missionary services,	75 00			
26	To do. invested in Bond and Mortgage No. XXIX,	150 00			
1829	March 2 To do. for expenses in obtaining an act for incorporating Episcopal Churches,	5 00			
April 24	To do Rev. Dr. Barry, for missionary services at Jersey city,	25 00			
"	To do for recording a release,	00 87	1-2		
"	To do. balance in the Treasury,	1213 48			
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1828					
May 28	By balance in the Treasury,	\$689 96	1-4		
"	By cash received, as interest for one year, on an investment of —748 9,	52 37			
"	By an omission of a collection, in the aggregate collections reported last year,	12 00			
Nov. 29	By a donation to the fund from the Episcopal Society,	25 00			
Dec. 1	By the principal of Bond No. XXIV,	280 00			
"	By seven month's interest due on the same,	9 10			
16	By cash received on Bond No. XIV.	150 00			
1829					
April 6	By cash received on an investment of \$748 9 in full,	748 09			
"	By do for one year's interest on the same, till May 1st, 1829,	52 37			
May 28	By do. it being the amount of collections and contributions made in the several churches in the Diocese, for the Missionary Fund, as reported in the Journal of this year,	292 80			
Errors excepted.		<hr/>			
EDWARD CARROLL, Treasurer.					
May 28th, 1829.					

State of the Missionary Fund.

Bond No. I.	-	-	-	\$250 00
Note No. VII.	-	-	-	150 00
Bond No. IX.	-	-	-	100 00
Bond No. XIX.	-	-	-	300 00
Bond No. XXI.	-	-	-	200 00
Bond No. XXII.	-	-	-	150 00
Bond No. XXIII.	-	-	-	400 00
Bond No. XXV.	-	-	-	250 00
Bond No. XXVI.	-	-	-	410 00
Bond No. XXVII.	-	-	-	300 00
Bond No. XXVIII.	-	-	-	260 00
Bond No. XXIX.	-	-	-	150 00
Balance in the Treasury,	-	-	-	1213 48
Interest due,	-	-	-	-

The Episcopal Fund.

Dr] The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer. [Cr

1828		
May 31	To cash paid the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes, by order of the Convention,	\$170 00
1829		
March 7	To cash paid the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes, the interest of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hobart's donation to the fund,	\$2 69
May 28	To balance in the Treasury,	25 58 1-4
		<u>\$228 02 1-4</u>

State of the Fund.

Bond No. III.	380
Note No. IV.	100
Bond No. V.	200
Bond No. VI.	250
Bond No. VII.	500
Bond No. VIII.	
Note No. IX.	600

1828		
May 29	By balance in the Treasury,	136 11 1-2
1829	By cash received, 12 month's interest on Note IV	7 00
March 7th	By cash received, it being part of the interest on Rt. Rev. Dr. Hobart's donation,	\$2 69
May 27	By cash received, a collection in St. Michael's Church, Trenton,	9 08 1-4
"	By do Christ-Chapel, Belleville,	77
"	By do St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,	6 08 1-2
"	By do Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,	5 58
"	By do Christ Church, New-Brunswick,	23 00
"	By 12 months interest on Note No. IV.	7 00
		<u>\$228 02 1-4</u>

Errors excepted.

Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

May 28th, 1829.

The Bishop Croes-Scholarship Fund.

Dr The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer. Cr

1828		
Nov. 22	To cash invested in Bond, &c. K,	200 00
1828		
May 28	To balance in the Treasury,	555 07 1-2
		<u>\$775 07 1-2</u>

State of the Fund.

Note C.	50 00	This, with the interest due, and Subscriptions uncollected, will complete the scholarship.
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May 28	By balance in the Treasury,	166 87	
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Jan. 26	By cash received, 12 months' interest on Note C, 3 00		
"	By do the principal on Note B, it being the sub-		
"	scription of the Rev. John Croes, Jr.	100 00	
"	By do interest on the same,	8 37 1-2	
April 16	By do the principal of Bond, &c. K.	200 00	
"	By interest on the same,	4 33	
24	By do on Bond E.	28 10	
May 4	By do one year, on Bond H,	15 00	
11	By do two years on Bond G,	24 00	
27	By a donation from the Rev. Mr. Matthews,	37 50	
"	By do the Rev. Wm. L. Johnson's third sub-		
"	scription, amounting in the whole to \$100,	25 00	
"	By Geo. C. Thomas Esqr's sub'n. and interest,	68 00	
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EDWARD CARROLL, Treasurer.

May 28th, 1829.

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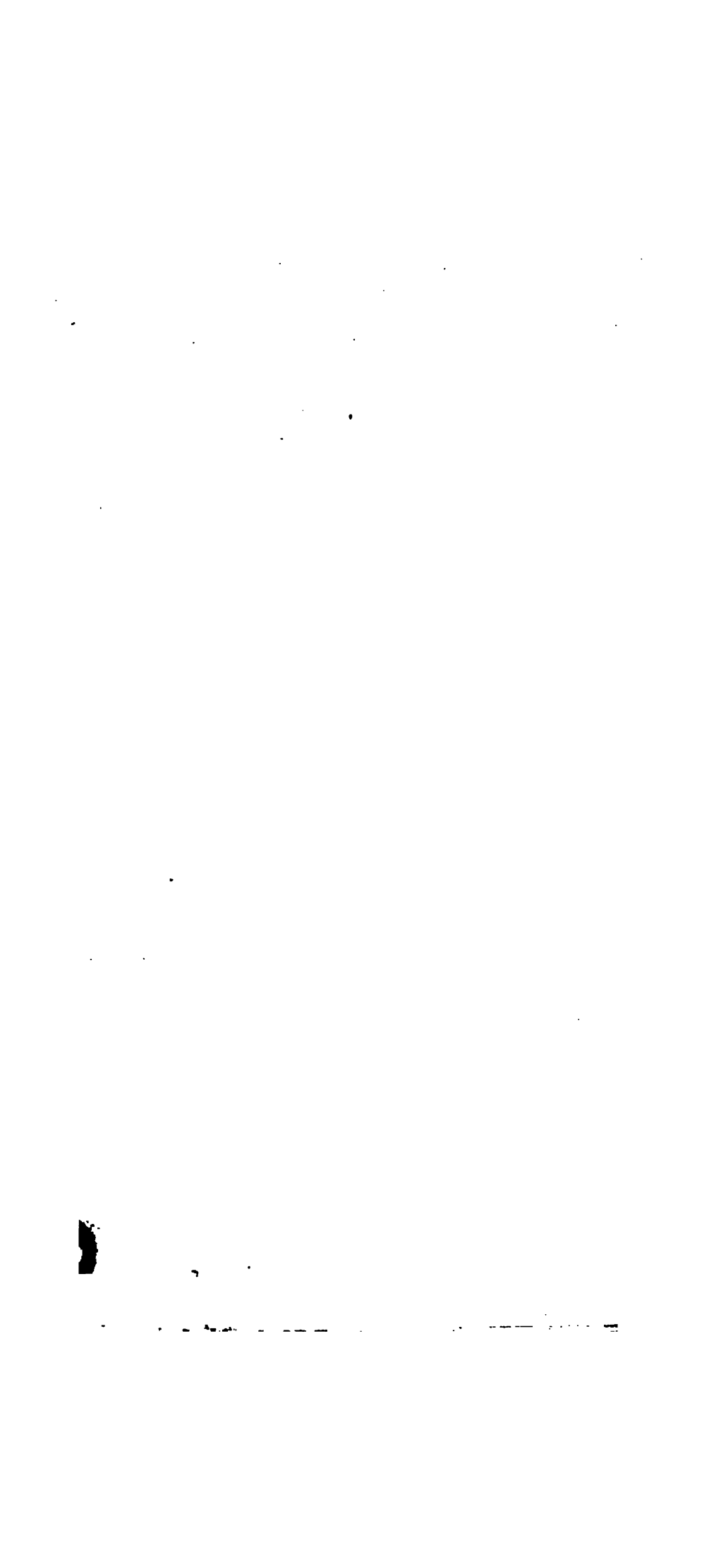
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LIST

Of the Clergy and Lay Deputies who composed the Convention.

CLERGY.

The *Right Rev. John Croes, D. D.* Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The *Rev. John Croes, Junr.* Missionary, residing at Newark.

The *Rev. G. Y. Morehouse*, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,
Mount Holly;

The *Rev. Clarkson Dunn*, Rector of Christ-Church, New-
ton;

The *Rev. John M. Ward*, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Spotswood;

The *Rev Benjamin Holmes*, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Morristown;

The *Rev. William R. Whittingham*, Rector of St. Mark's
Church, Orange;

The *Rev. Henry M. Mason*, Rector of St. John's Church,
Salem, and Minister of St. George's Church, at Peunsneck;

The *Rev. Matthew Matthews*, acting, at present, as a Mis-
sionary, in St. Mary's Church, at Colestown.

The *Rev. Norman Nash*, officiating at Trinity-Church,
Swedesborough.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Mark W. Collet, Esq. from St. Paul's Church at Paterson;

Mr. John Harrison, and Mr. Amos Williams, from St. Mark's
Church, Orange;

Robert Briggs, Esq. and Dr. Edward Carroll, from Christ-
Church, New-Brunswick;

John H. Carr, and John L. Harris, Esqrs. from St. Mary's
Church, Burlington;

Mr. Thomas Curtis, from St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly;

Messrs. Isaac Welsh and Abraham Browning, from St. Mary's
Church, Colestown.

Thomas Chapman, Charles Reeve, and Thomas P. Carpenter, Esqrs. from St. Peter's Church, Berkeley ;

Joseph Chatham Esq. and Mr. Enoch Aggings, from St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill ;

Messrs. Samuel Black, Joseph Batten, Jesse Avis, William W. England, Asa Mattson, William Jones, and Jacob Justice, from Trinity-Church, Swedesborough ;

Messrs Peter Jaquet and Robert Tuft, from St. George's Church, Pennsneck ;

Daniel Garrison, John Sinnickson, Richard P. Thompson, and Thomas Sinnickson Esqrs. from St John's Church, Salem ;

Josiah Harrison and Richard W. Howell Esqrs. from St. Paul's Church, Camden.

JOURNAL, &C.

Swedesborough, May 26th, 1830.

This being the time appointed in the constitution for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and this being the place assigned in the same instrument for its present session; the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. and several clergymen and lay deputies, assembled in Trinity-Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning Service was read by the Rev. William R. Whittingham, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Benjamin Holmes.

The religious exercises being concluded, the Bishop took the chair and appointed the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, and Robert Boggs Esq. a committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee reported, that deputies were present from eleven churches.

The Clergymen present, were

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun.	The Rev. Henry M. Mason,
— George Y. Morehouse,	— William R. Whittingham,
— Clarkson Dunn,	— Matthew Matthews,
— John M. Ward,	— Norman Nash.
— Benjamin Holmes,	

The Lay Deputies were

Mark W. Collet, John Harrison, Amos Williams, Thomas Curtis, Isaac Welsh, Abraham Browning, Thomas Chapman, Charles Reeve, Thomas P. Carpenter, Daniel Garrison, Thomas Sinnickson,	Robert Tuft, Robert Boggs, Dr. Edward Carroll, John H. Carr, John L. Harris, Joseph Chatham, Enoch Aggings, Samuel Black, Joseph Batten, Jesse Avis, William W. England,
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John Sinnickson,	Asa Mattson,
Richard P. Thompson,	William Jones,
Peter Jaquet,	Jacob Justice.

The number of churches represented being sufficient to constitute a Convention, the members were called to order by the President and proceeded to business.

On motion, the election of a secretary took place, when the Rev. John Croes, Jun. was unanimously chosen to that office.

It was moved, and resolved, that clergymen belonging to other dioceses, who are now, or may be, in this village during the session of this Convention, be invited to attend its sittings. The Rev. Samuel Stratton of the Diocese of Maryland and the Rev. Richard Salmon of the Diocese of New-York, but at present acting as a missionary in this Diocese, appeared therefore and took seats.

On motion, the rules of order, adopted for the government of the Convention of 1827, were read, and afterwards adopted for the government of this Convention.

A new church denominated St. Paul's Church, Camden, Gloucester county, made application through the Rev. Mr. Ward, for admission into union with this Convention;—Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Thomas Sinnickson were appointed a committee to examine the documents relative to the organization and incorporation of said church, previous to its admission into this body.

On motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts and make report to the Convention. The Rev. Messrs. Morehouse, and Holmes, and Messrs. Boggs, and Collet were appointed for this purpose.

The Bishop then delivered the following address.

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND OF THE LAITY,

It is with mingled emotions of gratitude and pleasure, that I meet you, assembled at this time and place: of gratitude, to the Divine Being, who has, in his infinite goodness, so prolonged my days, that I have been permitted lately to complete the fortieth year of my ministry; and of pleasure, that the sacred temple, in which we have now assembled, was the scene of my first, but feeble efforts in the holy work, to which I was ordained; and where I still perceive, with affectionate regard, the well remembered countenances of a few of those, who at that remote period were regular attendants on my ministrations; not, however, without the melancholy feelings, which accompany the reflection, that so many others have been deposited in those mansions of the dead.*

In making to you the annual statement, required by the canons, of the condition of the Church in the Diocese; I shall begin with detailing to you the several congregations, which I have been enabled, through the Divine goodness to visit, during our last conventional year. The congregation of St. James's Church, at Piscataway was the first I visited;—then followed, that of St. Mark's Church, at Orange;—St. Peter's, at Morristown;—St. Matthew's, at Jersey-city;—The Episcopalians, at Bordentown;—St. Mary's Church, at Colestown;—The Episcopalians, at Camden;—St. Michael's Church, at Trenton;—St. Mark's, at Orange, a second time;—Christ-Church, at

* The burying ground of the Church at Swedesborough.

Newton;—St Luke's Church, at Hope;—St. James's, at Knowlton;—St. Paul's, at Paterson;—St. Mary's Church, at Burlington;—St. Andrew's, at Mount Holly;—Trinity-Church, at Newark;—St. Thomas's Church, at Alexandria;—Christ-Chapel, at Belleville;—St. John's, at Elizabethtown;—St. Peter's, at Spotswood;—St. James's, Church at Piscataway, a second time;—St. Mark's Church, at Orange, a third time,—St. Paul's Church at Camden,—St. Stephen's Church, at Mullica Hill,—St. Thomas's Church, at Glassborough,—St. John's Church, Salem,—and Trinity-Church, at Swedesborough.

Of the condition of the first of the churches named, viz. St. James's Church, Piscataway, it gives me great satisfaction to say, that it never has been so favourable, as at present.—Though it has existed many years; at no time before this, did it enjoy the services of a resident clergyman; and for the last forty years, with rare exceptions, it has been dependant for the services of the sanctuary, and the preaching of the Divine word, on the occasional supplies of missionaries. Since the Rev. Mr. Douglass has taken up his residence among them, the congregation, by his zeal and diligence, has been re-organized, the church finished, thoroughly repaired, a gallery constructed, and the whole painted externally and internally. The congregation also has increased, and the services are performed with becoming order and solemnity. We hope, with the Divine blessing, that its spiritual progress will likewise keep pace with its temporal prosperity. In my second visit to that Church, in November last, I administered confirmation to eight persons.

Of the recently instituted Church at Orange, a similar commendation may be given, as it respects the zeal and diligence both of its Rector and members. In one of my visits, besides the office of preaching, which I usually perform, I had the satisfaction of administering the holy rite of confirmation to eighteen persons, in that new congregation. In the last one which took place on the 17th of December, 1829, I admitted the

Rev. William R. Whittingham, a Deacon, and Rector elect of that Church, to the holy order of Priesthood, assisted by the Rev. John Croes, Jun. the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, and the Rev. Henry P. Powers, of New-Jersey, and the Rev. J. F. Shroeder of the Diocese of New-York. On the following day, I instituted Mr. Whittingham into the Rectorship of the same church.

At my visit to St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, the congregation of which, though not large, is very respectable and flourishing; I preached on Sunday the 28th of June, and had the gratification of administering the rite of confirmation to eighteen persons, in that recently constituted Church. On the Tuesday following, I instituted the Rev. Benjamin Holmes into the Rectorship of that Church, and also preached on the occasion.

St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-city, I am happy to state, is constantly improving. Its members increase, the building appropriated to Divine service is rendered more convenient, and is suitably adorned. The Rev. Dr. Barry, their minister, now resides among them, and is zealous in the promotion of their spiritual welfare. The congregation have it in contemplation also, at no very distant day, to erect a Church-edifice, of much larger dimensions, and in a style of architecture, much superior to the present one.

The Church, denominated St. Mary's, at Colestown, it is much to be regretted, is now, and has been for some time vacant, and of course is not making progress. From this discouraging condition, I have good ground to hope it will shortly be in some degree relieved.

The Episcopalians at Camden, with becoming zeal and energy, have, since I visited them, the first time, organized themselves into a church, under the name of St. Paul's Church, at Camden as you have already been informed, and have become incorporated. Through the kindness of several of the clergymen of Philadelphia, they have enjoyed the services of the sanctuary, almost every Sunday afternoon, for several months.

Since my visit to St. Michael's Church, Trenton, in August last, The Rev. William L. Johnson has resigned the Rectorship of that Church, and removed to the Diocese of New-York.—The congregation have not yet procured a successor to him, and of course are vacant. This state of things, however, I hope, will not long continue.

In my visitations to the churches, at Newton, Hope, and Knowlton, in Sussex and Warren counties, I found the first of these, under the administration, and through the exertion of its respectable Rector, improved in its temporal, and slowly advancing in its spiritual affairs.

At Hope and Knowlton, although at that time, entirely vacant, the circumstances of those churches had experienced no deterioration, through the zeal and exertions of a very respectable member, and occasional supplies of ministers. Since my visit, they have enjoyed for a few months, the whole services of a resident missionary, the Rev. Richard Salmon, of the Diocese of New-York, who occasionally officiates also at Christ-Church, Johnsonburgh, and to the Episcopalians at Belvidere.

Of the condition of St. Paul's Church at Paterson, I regret to remark, that it has experienced some depression. The Rev. John Croes, Jun. has resigned the Rectorship of that Church, and removed to Newark, where he has charge of the Academy. In my visit to that Church, in September last, besides preaching twice, and performing the office of baptism, I administered the rite of confirmation to sixteen persons.

St. Mary's Church at Burlington, continues to prosper, and the exertions of the ladies for the increase of the missionary fund, merit all praise.

St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly, under the uniform administration of its Rector, keeps on, in the even tenor of its way.

Trinity-Church, Newark, has been destitute of a Rector since December last, when the Rev. H. P. Powers resigned his charge of that Church, and has now left the Diocese. The Rev. John Croes Jun. at the request of the Church Wardens

and Vestry men, officiates, at present, at that Church, under the character of a missionary.

St. Thomas's Church, at Alexandria, which I visited in October last, although it had been almost entirely destitute of the services of the sanctuary for some time, is at length partially supplied, by the Rev. William Douglass, the minister of St. James's Church at Piscataway, who acts also as a missionary to that Church, and to Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

The condition of Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, has not improved since the last Convention.

The appearance of St John's Church, at Elizabethtown, is much improved and its conveniences increased, by the additions and repairs which have been made to it; especially by the construction of a new and very commodious Vestry room. The congregation continues flourishing. The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble late of the Diocese of Connecticut, presented to me in July last, the testimonial from the Right Rev. Dr. Brownell, Bishop of that Diocese, necessary, by the 31st canon, to his admission into this Diocese, and received from me a certificate of his admission into it. Since then, I have received a certificate from the Church Wardens, of his being elected Rector of that Church.

St. Peter's Church, at Spotswood, has undergone no material change, since my last address. It preserves its standing under the charge of its industrious Rector, the Rev. Mr. Ward. That Gentleman, however, has found it expedient to discontinue his services at St Peter's Church, Freehold.

St. Stephen's Church, at Mullica Hill, and St. Thomas's Church, at Glassborough, both continue vacant, and there is but little prospect, at present, of their being supplied.

St. John's Church at Salem, I found flourishing under its new Rector-elect, whom on the 24th, inst. I instituted into the Rectorship of that Church.

The Church in this place, which I last visited, presents no material change in its temporal or spiritual circumstances since the period, when I last addressed you on the state of the

churches generally, except as to the dissolution of the connection which existed between them and their late Rector, the Rev. Simon Wilmer.

Christ-Church, at New-Brunswick, under my particular care, as Rector, has made some advancement both in the number of its attendants, and the frequency with which they attend, at the regular periods of public worship. It is hoped also, that its spiritual condition is improved since the last Convention. In the present month I administered the holy rite of confirmation in that Church, at which twenty persons presented themselves, either to confirm or renew their baptismal covenant.

Besides the change already mentioned in the removal of Ministers from, and reception into the Diocese, the following have taken place within the year.

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse has removed into the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Eli Wheeler has resigned the Rectorship of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and his other charge at Middletown, and removed into the Diocese of New-York.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity-Church, at Swedesborough, and removed into the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. William Chaderton lately residing at Burlington, has removed into the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Harry Finch, late of the Diocese of Connecticut, has removed to this Diocese, produced the canonical certificate, and been admitted into it as a Presbyter. Since his admission, he has been elected Rector of Christ-Church at Shrewsbury.

The Rev. James C. Ward, a coloured man, lately a Deacon of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has, by a letter dismission from the Right Rev. Dr. White, Bishop of that Diocese, been admitted into this.

The Rev. Norman Nash, late a Presbyter of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has, since the commencement of this session, presented to me from the Right Rev. the Bishop of that Dio-

case, the canonical certificate required in cases of Ministers removing from one Diocese to another; and has in consequence been admitted into this Diocese. He will also be considered, from this time, as the officiating minister of this Church.

The number of persons confirmed in this Diocese since the last address was delivered, is eighty.

It affords me pleasure to say, that three persons have been admitted as Candidates for holy orders, viz. Edward E. Ford, Peter L. Jaques, and Reuben H. Freeman.

One person only has been admitted to holy orders, namely the Rev. William R. Whittingham to the Priesthood.

There have been three institutions, that of the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, the Rev. William R. Whittingham, and the Rev. Henry M. Mason.

From the preceding statement of the affairs of the Church in this Diocese, although more congregations than is usual have become vacant, since the last meeting of this Body, some of which are still unsupplied; yet, in other respects, it does not appear to have suffered any declension; on the contrary the congregations have increased in number, by the institution of St. Paul's Church, at Camden. Besides, more churches enjoy the stated services of the sanctuary, now than there did two years since. There can be but little doubt, also that some of the churches, that have become vacant, within the last few months, will shortly be supplied.

The fund constituted many years since, in this Diocese, for the relief of the widows and children of those deceased clergymen, who, during their lives, contributed to its increase, is continually augmenting, and now amounts to thirteen thousand dollars.

The Missionary fund, which has been long in operation, and has been the instrument, under the Divine blessing, of preserving and increasing the Church, in the Diocese, has as yet experienced no diminution, and it is hoped will long continue to prosper.

It is with regret, that I cannot say, that the same favourable conditions exist with respect to another fund, belonging to the

Diocese. I mean the fund instituted about fourteen years since for the purpose of enabling the Bishop to visit the churches under his care. This fund commenced, by donations solicited from the members of the most wealthy congregations, but it was found that a sufficient sum could not be obtained in this mode, the interest of which would suffice to meet the amount annually appropriated to the Bishop. The Convention therefore resolved at its session, held in this Church, in the year 1819.

"That it shall be the duty of every minister of the Church, in this state, to cause a collection to be made for the Episcopal Fund, in the Church or Churches in which he regularly officiates, sometime between the first of August and the first of November yearly; and if convenient to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion. In case of the meeting of the Convention in any Church, the collection for that year, shall be made there, at the time of such meeting. For vacant congregations, the collection for the above purpose shall be made, either by the missionary, or by some clergyman, who may visit such congregations at whatever time of the year, it may be found convenient."

The collections directed by this resolution were, at first, pretty generally made, and the amount was sufficient not only to make up the deficiency in the avails of the fund, but to add to the fund itself. Latterly, however, the collections, in many instances, have been so much neglected, that not only the fund has received no additions, but the appropriations, yearly made by the Convention, can scarcely be met by the income accruing from the fund and collections together.

The Convention, I hope, will take the subject into consideration, and recommend, that more attention be paid, at least, to the duty of causing collections to be made, that the permanent fund, so important to the Church, in the support of succeeding Bishops may in future continually make progress.

In the performance of my various duties, in the recess of the sittings of our Convention, I have attended to those which arise from my office as a Trustee of the General Theological Sem-

inary of our Church. The annual meeting of the Board took place, in June last, which was followed by the examination of the students, and the commencement of those, who had finished their course, during all which period, I was present. The performances of the students gave general satisfaction. The Institution promises to continue to be, as it already has been, of great advantage to the character and usefulness of our primitive and apostolic Church. Among the sources of gratification to its friends, and to the members of the Church generally, is the great improvement of its funds by the munificent bequest of the late Frederick Khone Esq. of Philadelphia, at a time too, when considerable anxiety existed in the minds of its friends for its future support.

This donation, as it may not come into the possession of the Trustees for several years, should not however cause us to forget the defective means of its present support, and the necessity of our exertions to supply the deficiency.

It must be gratifying also to the members of the Church in this Diocese, that the sum attempted to be raised, by a resolve of the Convention, to establish a scholarship in that Seminary, has succeeded, and that it is nearly all collected; the whole of which will be deposited in the treasury of the Seminary, in a few weeks, when a detailed report will be made of it.

In August of last year, the Triennial General Convention of our Church met in Philadelphia, at which I attended in my place, in the House of Bishops. The four clerical, and three of the four lay deputies of this Diocese, attended and took their seats in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. Two new Dioceses were admitted into union with the Convention, viz. that of Kentucky, and that of Tennessee, both lately organized. Eighteen Dioceses were represented. Nine Bishops, forty-seven clerical and thirty-seven lay deputies were present. Sixty-four other clergymen of our communion from several Dioceses were also present, and were permitted to take seats in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, during the hours of business. From the reports, which were presented

from the several Dioceses, the condition of the Church appears to be continually improving, both as it respects increase of number, zeal, and piety.

In the course of the session, the interesting circumstance of the consecration of an assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Virginia took place. The person consecrated to that sacred office was the Rev. William Meade, D. D. a Presbyter of that Diocese.

The satisfaction, produced by that event, was, however, in a few months considerably damped by the distressing intelligence of the death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ravenscroft, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. The removal of this great and good man from the scene of his earthly pilgrimage, will long be regretted by the ministers and people of our communion generally; but especially by those of his Diocese, who had witnessed his distinguished usefulness in the church, his energetic and impressive manner in the pulpit, and his great faithfulness in the discharge of all the duties of his eminent station.

But, notwithstanding afflictions of this depressing character are permitted by Divine Providence to break in upon our otherwise prosperous course, and in some degree interrupt the pleasure and joy resulting from it; yet since we continually experience so many other favours, so many sources of gratification and causes for thankfulness, the former ought to be submitted to, with patience, and resignation to the will of our heavenly Father; and not be suffered to discourage, or check our endeavours to promote, as far as depends upon us, the further prosperity and increase of the Church of our blessed Lord, of which, we humbly trust, our Church is a part.

JOHN CROES.

Swedesborough, May 26, 1830.

The Committee appointed to examine the proceedings of St. Paul's Church, Camden, relative to its organization &c. reported that they had found them correct. Whereupon, it was on motion, resolved, that said Church be admitted into union with this Convention.

Josiah Harrison and Richard W. Howell Esqrs. lay deputies from St. Paul's Church, Camden, presented a certificate of their appointment to represent said church in this Convention, and accordingly were admitted to seats.

The Convention then adjourned to half past 2, o'clock P. M.

Wednesday afternoon, half past 2 o'clock.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, having performed that duty, reported that the accounts were correct. The report was accepted and the accounts ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, reported sundry amendments to their constitution, which had been proposed and adopted by the Society; viz the following substitute for the first paragraph in article VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of every Branch Society to solicit and receive subscriptions to the society, both annual and life, and also donations, and to collect annually, the moneys due to the Society. These moneys are to be appropriated to the purchase of books and tracts for the use of the school, belonging to the Society, and for defraying incidental expenses.

No money is however to be paid out of the treasury, but by order of the executive committee signed by the President:

And that the IX Article of the Constitution be expunged: which, on being read, were, on motion, concurred in by the Convention.

The amendment to the first article of the Constitution of the Convention of this Diocese, proposed last year by Dayton I. Canfield Esq. by which the word *Morristown* was to be insert-

ed between "viz." and "Newark" and the word *Orange* between Mount Holly and Shrewsbury was called up, and adopted.

Resolved, that the Bishop appoint annually, as soon after the rising of the Convention as may be, a committee to examine the bonds and securities in the hands of the Treasurer and compare them with the Treasurer's accounts. A certificate of which examination shall be presented by the Bishop to the Convention, next succeeding such examination.

The Bishop then presented the parochial reports which were read, and are in substance as follows.

Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Rector.

Families in that Church, about 60—*communicants*, (8 added, 2 deceased, 2 removed,) 49—*Baptisms*, 7 adults, 37 children and infants, 44 (6 of these baptized abroad)—*Marriages*, 7—*Funerals*, (3 of the congregation, 2 of strangers,) 5—*catechumens*, about 40—*Persons confirmed* this year, 20—*Sunday-School Scholars*, about 70. The ladies of the congregation have not relaxed in their exertions, for the prosperity of the Church, the increase of the missionary fund, and their indefatigable and faithful attention to the Sunday school. The fruits of their skill and industry during the past year, amounted to 220 dollars.

St. Paul's Church, Paterson, now vacant.

The late Rector, the Rev. JOHN CROES Jun. reports, that he resigned the charge of that Church, on the 15th of November last; that previous to that time, he had baptized 2 adults, 19 children, 21—performed 3 marriages, and attended, 4 funerals. That there were 16 persons confirmed in September last. Mark W. Collet Esq. a vestry man of that Church states in addition to the above report, that since the late Rector, the Rev. Mr. Croes, removed from Paterson, the congregation has only occasionally enjoyed the services of the Church. The Church is still burthened with a heavy debt which is a great impediment to its prosperity. The ladies of the congregation, however, with untiring zeal, have raised in their association, and by donations to the same, upwards of 70 dollars since the last Convention, which sum they have appropriated to paying the interest of the debt of the Church.

Christ-Chapel, Belleville.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS, at present, the Minister.

Families, and *contributors*, about 35—*communicants*, 18—*Baptisms*, (2 adults, 12 children,) 14—*Marriages*, 2.

Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. JOHN CROES Jun. Missionary, and, at present, the Minister.

Families, about 70—*communicants*, about 65—*Baptisms*, by the late Rector 14—*Marriages*, do. 4—*Funerals*, do 8.

Mr. Croes also reports, that since he has officiated in that Church, there have been 2 marriages, and 2 funerals: that the congregations, which have attended on his ministrations, have been generally good, and gradually increasing.

St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-city.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, Minister.

Families, about 40—*communicants*, 25—*Baptisms*, 8—*Marriages*, 7—*Funerals*, 7.

The Minister also reports, that the prospects of the Church in that city, continue, under the blessing of the Most High, to brighten. Several influential families have, since his last report, been added to the congregation; and the Psalmody has been greatly improved, by the formation of a little choir.

St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. WM. R. Whittingham, Rector.

Families, about 53, besides 9 single persons holding pews—*Individuals*, about 235—*communicants* (21 added, 2 died, 1 removed,) 31—*Baptisms*, (adults 15, children 11) 26—*Marriages*, 3—*Funerals*, 5. A Sunday School was established in July last, which now comprizes about 145 scholars, under the care of 23 Teachers. It is supported by a society, auxiliary to the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, consisting of 44 members. The young persons of both sexes constitute a Bible Class—which meets weekly for the study of the Epistles, under the charge of the Rector. During part of the season two such classes were attended, in different neighbourhoods, on successive evenings. The dismantling of one of their places of assemblage has

caused them again to unite in one. The number of attendants varies from 20 to 45.—At the visit of the Bishop in June, 1829, 18 persons were confirmed. During the year, little, if any increase has taken place in the members of the congregation. The attendance on public worship is more numerous and punctual, and a part is taken in the services by a greater proportion of those who attend, and with more apparent interest.—Measures have been taken to discharge the remaining debt incurred by the erection of the church edifice. The females of the congregation have formed themselves into a Society for the purpose of earning money to be appropriated to the use of the Church.

St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector.

Families, and contributors between 40 and 50—*communicants*, (2 removed, 1 deceased, 4 added,) 23—*Baptisms* (2 adults, 7 children) 9—*Marriages*, 5—*Funerals*, 2. The Sunday School has 14 instructors, and an average of 40 attending scholars. There is connected with it a library of about 60 volumes.

The sum of \$270 has been given to the church by the ladies of the congregation, it being the proceeds of their zeal and industry during the past year.

The zeal manifested in the prosperity of the church, the regular attendance of the congregation on public worship, and the seriousness and attention manifested in the house of God encourage the hope that the congregation is advancing in christian knowledge and piety.

St. John's Church Elizabethtown.

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE, Rector-elect.

Families, about 90—*communicants*, (4 added) 87—*Baptisms*, 10—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 7.

A Sunday-school Society, is connected with the Church, and during the first year of its organization it has done much to promote the prosperity of the School under its care. The School is in a very prosperous state, and is constantly extending its usefulness. Since its organization the Society has appropriated \$10. to the purchase of books for the use of the school, its library consists of more than 150 volumes of different sizes and in its school there are two superintendents, 10 male and 12 female teachers, and 115 scholars.

Since the last Convention, the ladies of the congregation have furnished the Church with Lamps &c. for which they expended about \$100. The ladies association, mentioned in the last report, was successful beyond our most sanguine expectations—about \$400 were raised within six months, of which \$200 have been funded for local purposes. A missionary Society was organized on the first Sunday after Easter, of which nearly all of the congregation have become members. About \$50 have been already received by its treasurer. The number of the Bible Class is between 30 and 40.

Through the goodness of God the prospects of this Church are encouraging.

Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector.

Families, about 50—*communicants* (3 added, 1 deceased, 1 removed) 16—*Baptisms*, (3 adults, 8 children) 11—*Marriages*, 7—*Funerals*, (part not of the congregation) 16—*Sunday-School Scholars*, 67.

St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, about 40—*communicants*, (1 added) 35—*Baptisms*, 6—*Marriages*, 3—*Funerals*, (of the congregation 4, of others, 6) 10.

St. James's Church, Piscataway.

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Minister.

Families, 22—*communicants*, 9—*Marriages*, 1—*Sunday-School Scholars*, about 25.

It affords me pleasure, to state that St. James's Church Piscataway is now made a very comfortable place of worship. The whole has undergone a thorough repair; a small gallery has been erected, the chancel enlarged, 4 new windows added, a small vestry room made, and the building inside and out neatly painted. The reading desk and pulpit furnished with elegant silk damask cushions and hangings, and the windows with handsome blinds. An evident improvement has also been made in the performance of public worship, by many more of the congregation joining in the responses; the singing likewise is greatly improved.

St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector.

Families, about 45—*communicants*, (2 added, 1 deceased,) 28—*Baptisms*, 7—*Marriages*, 5—*Funerals* 7.

A Bible class has been organized in the congregation, with very encouraging prospects of utility.

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. ELI WHEELER, late Rector.

communicants, about 75—*Baptisms*,) 9 adults, 8 children) 17—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 7.

The Church here is evidently increasing. During the whole of the last year, and particularly within the last six months, I have had the pleasure of observing a more than usual attachment to the solemn worship and offices of our Church, and a greater attention to Divine things. May God continue to pour out his Spirit, and shed abroad his love in the hearts of this people.

The present Minister, the Rev. Mr. Finch also reports, that he has baptized one child, since he has taken charge of the congregation.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector.

communicants, between 50 and 60—*Baptisms*, (4 adults, 5 children) 9—*Funerals* 6—*Sunday-School Scholars* (taught according to the plan of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union) between 80 and 90. The congregation increasing in numbers and attention to the regular service of the Church. The ladies associated for missionary purposes, continue zealous in their highly praise worthy exertions, which have produced since last Convention 100 dollars.

St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. G. Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector.

Families, about 50—*communicants*, 29—*Baptisms*, (1 adult, 6 infants,) 7—*Marriages*, 8—*Funerals*, 3.

St. Paul's Church, Camden.

Reported by Josiah Harrison Esq. Church Warden. This Church was organized on 12th of March last, and incorporated on the 26th day of the same month.

The congregation consists at this time, of from twenty to thirty families; is gradually growing in numbers, and an increasing interest is manifested, in the success of their efforts to build up a Church at this city. Divine service is regularly held, once at least, on every Lord's day, in the City Hall, the exclusive use of which, has been obligingly granted us by the authorities of the place.

The congregation is as yet too feeble to support a clergyman, or indeed to contribute much to that object, but they hope, with the divine blessing upon their efforts, that the day may soon arrive when they will be enabled to make a more favourable report in this particular. Since the beginning of October last year, their pulpit has been very regularly supplied, with the exception of a few Sundays in the winter, by the Right Reverend the assistant Bishop, and the Reverend clergy of Philadelphia, and arrangements are made with them for supplies, for the principal portion of the present year. And for their kind and gratuitous services, rendered and proffered to us, we would on this occasion express our grateful acknowledgements to the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Dr. Delancy and the Rev. Messrs. Bedell, Douglass, Mead, Rutledge, Dupuy, Hawkes, Boyd, Van Pelt, Allen, Jaquett, Wiltbank, Smith, and Tyng.

St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

Families, about 30—*communicants*, (2 removed) 26—*Sunday-School Scholars*, on an average. 60.

Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. NORMAN NASH, officiating Minister.

Families, about 150—*communicants*, (2 added, 10 removed, 6 deceased,) 69—*Baptisms*, none by the present Minister—*Marriages*, 5—*Funerals*, 8—*Sunday Schools*, 2 The late Rector, who resigned his charge, in December last, has furnished no report of his ministrations.

The congregation has evidently increased in numbers, and apparently in devout attention to the worship and word of God;

but the evidences of a change of heart and life, have not been manifested except in a few instances.

St. John's Church, Salem.

The Rev. HENRY MASON, Rector.

Families, 33—*communicants*, (added 6) 23—*Baptisms*, (5 adults, 3 children) 8—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals*, 1.

In the outward prospects of this Church the progress of the year has been marked by no extraordinary changes. The numerical increase of the worshippers belonging to the parish may be slow, but I am persuaded it will be sure. Among the improvements I have observed a greater degree of religious knowledge, without any diminution of zeal. Among the deficiencies I have to lament the inanimate responses of the congregation during the service, and a lamentable neglect of the Sacraments. To remedy at least the latter of these evils, I have established during the past year a Bible class, some of the members of which, being unbaptized, may be considered in the light of Catechumens. In the course of instruction I have prepared for them a series of questions on the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, and also on the four gospels, in chronological order, together with Jones of Nayland's Churchman's Catechism.—The Sunday School is flourishing. The pupils are regularly taught the catechism by their teachers, and examined in it by myself.

St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Minister.

Families, 28—*communicants*, (1 added, 1 deceased) 12—*Baptisms*, 6—*Funerals*, 1.

The report of this year is nearly a repetition of the last, except, that I have visited most of the families of this parish more than once. They labour, however, under the disadvantage of not having a pastor resident among them.

On motion the clergy were then called on for their reports of missionary services rendered in conformity with the fourth permanent resolution of the Convention.

The Rev. Matthew Matthews reported, that he had preached, as a missionary ten times on Sunday mornings, and once on a week day morning, at St. Mary's Church Colestown that

Church being destitute of a Minister. He also preached at Camden four times, on Sunday afternoons.

The Rev. John Croes, Jun. reported, that he had preached twice, on one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. William R. Whittingham reported, that he had officiated one Sunday, at New-Brunswick, in June last, in the absence of the Bishop, by his direction ; also once, on a Sunday, at Knowlton, once on a Sunday, at Belvidere, once on a week day, at Hope, Warren county, and twice on week days, at South Orange.

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes reported, that he had officiated, the past year, once on a Sunday at Knowlton, and administered the communion to about 17 persons ; and that, on the same day, he preached at Hope ; that twice, on a Sunday, he supplied Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop ; three times, on Sundays, he officiated in the Court House in Morristown for the especial benefit of persons confined in the County Jail, and once at the Poor House. On week days he has officiated at Johnsonburg, and Belvidere, Warren County. At the latter place he baptized 2 children.

The Rev. J. M. Ward reported, that he had officiated one Sunday at New-Brunswick, while the Bishop was absent performing episcopal duties. He had also officiated on one Sunday in the morning at St. Mary's Church, Colestown, and in the afternoon to the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Camden.

The Rev. G. Y. Morehouse, reported, that he had preached one Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn reported, that he had the last year officiated twice on one Sunday, and once on another, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop ; and once at Woodbridge.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman reported, that he had officiated one Sunday in Christ Church, New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Douglass reported, that he had preached five times on three Sundays, at New-Brunswick, in the absence of the Bishop.

On motion, the Clergymen and Church-Wardens were called on for their reports of collections, during the past year, for the Missionary and Episcopal funds.

In compliance with this request, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary.	Episcopal.
In Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, . . .	\$ 6 00	\$ 4 00
— Trinity-Church, Newark, . . .	25 00	0 00
From the Female Missionary Society of		
Trinity-Church, Newark, . . .	40 00	0 00
From a lady of the same Church, a donation, . . .	5 00	0 00
In St. Matthew's, Jersey City, . . .	6 00	0 00
— St. Mark's, Orange, . . .	10 50	6 38
— St. Peter's, Morristown, . . .	12 44	5 00
— St. John's, Elizabethtown, . . .	10 00	5 80
— St. Peter's, Perth-Amboy, . . .	5 00	7 00
— Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, . . .	6 98	0 00
— St. James's, Piscataway, . . .	1 28	0 00
— Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, . . .	15 50	12 80
— St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, . . .	3 00	0 00
— St. Peter's, Freehold, . . .	2 19	0 00
— Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, . . .	0 00	5 76
— St. Michael's, Trenton, . . .	0 00	5 00
— St. Thomas's, Alexandria, . . .	2 05	0 00
From the ladies of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, . . .	100 00	0 00
In St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly, . . .	1 87	1 87
— St. Mary's, Colestown, . . .	6 56	0 00
— Trinity-Church, Swedesborough, . . .	0 00	13 45
— St. John's, Salem, . . .	0 00	8 35
From the ladies of same Church, associated for Missionary purposes, . . .	10 50	0 00
From a very respectable Clergyman, formerly of this Diocese, . . .	0 00	2 00

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, was then presented, which, on motion, was read, accepted and ordered to be annexed to the Journal.

On motion, resolved that the Bishop be requested to make such extracts from the Journal of the last General Convention, as he may think proper, to be annexed to the Journal of this Convention.

Resolved, that the Bishop be requested to procure a complete copy of the printed Journals of this Convention from the beginning, and have them bound and preserved for the use of the Convention.

It was then, on motion, resolved, that the Convention proceed to the choice of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Of the Clergy, were chosen,

Rev. John Croes, Jr.
 — James Chapman,
 — John M. Ward,
 — Benjamin Holmes.

Of the Laity,

Robert Boggs, Esq.
 Dr. Edward Carroll,
 James Parker, Esq.
 Joseph Marsh, Esq.

The Convention next proceeded to the choice of delegates to the General Convention.

Of the Clergy, were chosen,

Rev. Dr Wharton,
 — Mr. Croes, Jun.
 — Mr. Dunn,
 — Mr. Ward.

Of the Laity, were chosen,

Charles C. Stratton Esq.
 Thomas Sinnickson, Esq.
 Mark W. Collet, Esq.
 George C. Thomas Esq.

On motion, resolved, that the Treasurer pay to the order of the Right Rev. Bishop Croes one hundred and seventy dollars out of any moneys, that have accrued, since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for the Episcopal fund.

Resolved, that it be recommended to those congregations, that are not yet incorporated, to avail themselves as soon as convenient of the opportunity afforded them, by an act of the Legislature of this state, for that purpose, passed February 17, 1829, and printed in the Journal of 1829.

Josiah Harrison, Esq. proposed for the consideration of the Convention the following amendment to the 1st. Article of the Constitution; viz. "to insert the word *Camden* between the words *Morristown* and *Newark*."

On motion, the Convention adjourned for half an hour.

After the Convention had re-assembled, it was resolved, that the report of the board of Directors of the Missionary fund, which ought to have been made to this Convention, but which could not be prepared for want of time, be committed to three clergymen (to be appointed by the Bishop) who together with the Bishop, are authorized to prepare and enter it on the Journal.

On motion, Resolved, that the clergy of the Diocese be respectfully requested to perform more punctually their duty, in relation to the Episcopal fund, alluded to, by the Bishop in his address.

Resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal, be printed as was directed to be printed the last year, and that, they be distributed in the same proportion.

The minutes of the proceedings having then been read, on motion, the Convention rose,

JOHN CROES, *President*.

Attested, JOHN CROES Jun. *Secretary*.

✂ The next annual Convention will be held at Spotswood on the last Wednesday in May, 1831.

✂ "Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or, for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing, In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand, (or, if two vestry men subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, otherwise by one warden, or two vestry men."

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY,

On the 25th of June, 1830.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, Jun. residing at Newark, and acting at present as a Missionary.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Helly.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Minister of St. James's Church, Piscataway, and Missionary to Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, and St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and Minister of St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. WILLIAM R. WHITTINGHAM, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE, Rector-elect of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector-elect of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS.

The Rev. NORMAN NASH, Minister of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY, Jun. Deacon, officiating at St. Paul's Church, Paterson.

The Rev. JAMES C. WARD, (a coloured man,) a Deacon.

APPENDIX, NO. I.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, for the year commencing May 28th, 1829.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, Nov. 9th, 1829.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

Of the Clergy,
Rev. James Chapman,
William L. Johnson,
John M. Ward,

Of the Laity,
Dr. Edward Carroll,
Robert Boggs,
Joseph Marsh,
James Parker, Esq'srs.

On motion, Mr. Chapman was appointed President, and Mr. Ward, Secretary.

Messrs. Edward E. Ford, Reuben H. Freeman, and Peter L. Jaques, made application for the certificates required, by the 17th canon, previous to their admission as candidates for Holy Orders. Their testimonials being satisfactory, it was agreed to grant them the required certificates.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN M. WARD, *Secretary*.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, December 15, 1829.

The Standing Committee met, pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

Of the Clergy,
Rev. James Chapman,

Of the Laity,
Robert Boggs,
James Parker,
Joseph Marsh, Esq'srs.
Dr. Edward Carroll.

The Rev. William R. Whittingham made application for the testimonial required by the 12th canon in order to his admission to the Holy Order of Priests, and having produced the requisite certificates; it was unanimously resolved, that the testimonial be granted to him.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN M. WARD, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX, NO. II.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

The Board of Directors to whom is committed the appropriation of the avails of the Missionary Fund, beg leave to make the following Report to the Convention:

That they employed the Rev. William Douglass, Minister of St. James's Church, in May last to officiate, a portion of his time, for one year, in Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, (vacant;) and in November following, they likewise engaged him to devote a few Sundays, at regular intervals, for one year, to the congregation of the vacant Church, at Alexandria, in Hunterdon county, denominated St. Thomas's Church.

Mr. Douglass has reported to the Bishop, that in the fulfilment of his engagements, he has regularly officiated at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, on twelve Sunday afternoons; and since his engagement, on the morning of four Sundays, at Alexandria.

The Board further state, that on the 1st of January, 1830, they engaged the Rev. R. Salmon, of the Diocese of New-York, to act as a Missionary to the vacant Churches in Warren county, viz. St. James's Church, at Knowlton, St. Luke's at Hope, and to the Episcopalians at Belvidere.

Mr. Salmon continued in the mission, till the sitting of the Convention; and reported to the Bishop, that he officiated every Sunday, at the Churches of Knowlton and Hope alternately; except two, in which he performed Divine Service and preached at Belvidere, and Johnsonburgh.

The Rev. John Croes Jun. has, at the request of the Vestry of Trinity-Church Newark, now vacant, also been appointed a Missionary to officiate at that Church, at the expense, however, of the congregation, till it is otherwise supplied.

In his report of services, as a Missionary, he states, that, besides performing regular duty in that Church, he has officiated one Sunday, both morning and afternoon to the Episcopalians at Rahway, to a large and attentive congregation: that, on



State of the Missionary Fund.

Bond,	-	No. I.	-	\$250 00
Note,	-	No. VII.	-	150 00
Bond,	-	No. XIX.	-	300 00
Bond,	-	No. XXI.	-	200 00
Bond,	-	No. XXII.	-	150 00
Bond,	-	No. XXV.	-	250 00
Bond,	-	No. XXVI.	-	410 00
Bond,	-	No. XXVII.	-	500 00
Bond,	-	No. XXVIII.	-	269 00
Bond,	-	No. XXIX.	-	150 00
Bond,	-	No. XXX. formerly F.	200 00	
Note,	-	No. XXXI.	-	100 00
Bond,	-	D.	-	100 00
Bond,	-	G.	-	200 00
Bond,	-	H.	-	250 00
Balance in the Treasury,	-		-	535 61
Interest due,				

THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

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The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll Treasurer.

1863

June 12

To cash paid the Right Rev. Bishop Croes on account of the sum appropriated to him by the Convention

\$100 00

Nov. 11

To cash paid him in full this year

70 00

March

To cash paid the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, it being the interest of the donation made by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New-York

32 69

May 26

To balance in the Treasury

110 231-4

\$312 921-4

1860

May 27

By balance in the Treasury

24 611-

March 1

By cash received & being the interest on Bishop Herbert's donation

32 69

April 2

By cash received for interest on Bond No. V. for 2 years

28 00

May 6

By cash received for 3 year's interest on No. VII

80 00

May 14

By cash received for 2 year's interest on No. III.

63 20

May 26

By cash received for 1 year's interest on No. IV.

7 00

By cash received from collections in several churches for the Episcopal fund, as reported in the Journal of this year,

77 42

\$312 921-4

State of the Fund.

Bond, No. III.	-	\$380 00
Note, No. IV.	-	100 00
Bond, No. V.	-	200 00
Bond, No. VI.	-	250 00
Bond, No. VII.	-	500 00
Bond, No. VIII.	-	500 00
Note, No. IX.	-	500 00

Errors excepted,

Edward Carroll, Treasurer.

APPENDIX, NO. IV.

Extracts from the Journal of the Proceedings of a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held in the city of Philadelphia from the 12th to the 20th of August, inclusive, 1829.

The House of Bishops consisted of nine of that order.— Two were absent.

The house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, was composed of forty-seven clergymen, and thirty-seven lay men, representing the Church in eighteen States, or Dioceses. The Church in one Diocese was not represented.

Sixty-five other clergymen, being present, were invited to attend the sittings.

From the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Abstract of a report on the State of the Church, prepared by a Committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, adopted by that Body, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in compliance with the 45th Canon of 1808, respectfully send to the House of Bishops the following view of the state of the Church, compiled from documents supplied by delegates from the Dioceses respectively represented in this Convention.

MAINE.

It is with great pleasure your Committee is enabled to state, that, through the blessing of Almighty God, the Church, in this

portion of the Eastern Diocese, is in a more flourishing condition than at any former period. Since the last meeting of the General Convention in 1826, another Church has been organized, and admitted to a seat in the State Convention, who have erected a commodious edifice for public worship. The Rubrics and Canons of the Church are, in general, uniformly complied with. Great attention has been bestowed on the subject of the *religious education of children*; and in no part of the United States are the Sunday-Schools better ordered, better conducted, or better attended.

In behalf of *Missions* considerable interest is excited, though the amount contributed for that purpose does not admit of any assistance being afforded to societies beyond the limits of the Diocese. Indeed, were the amount contributed tenfold what, at present, it is, there would be ample employment for the whole of it, in extending the bounds of the Church in this State. No part of the Union affords a more extensive field for missionary exertion, and none, certainly, more needs assistance. With a population of near 300,000 souls, which is daily increasing, there are, as yet, but *three* organized Episcopal congregations; whereas, were the necessary means afforded, before a twelve-month, double that number could be added to our communion. *This consideration*, it is hoped, will induce some, to whom a gracious Providence has given wealth and abundance, to bestow some portion of it, in promoting the cause of their Redeemer and Benefactor, in this distant region.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

There are eight Episcopal Churches, in this State, five Presbyters and four Deacons. Since the last Convention a beautiful and commodious Church has been built at Hopkinton. In consequence of the omission of returns from some of the parishes, a correct return of parochial reports cannot be furnished.

Sunday-Schools are established in almost every Church. A general interest is felt in the General Missionary Society of the Church. Two societies, auxiliary to the one last mentioned, have been formed in St. John's Church, Portsmouth; and a Female Missionary Society has been established at Hopkinton. Strict attention is paid in the State to the regulations and rubrics of the Church.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We are happy to record the blessing of God on this portion of his vineyard, manifested in the continuance and gradual in-

crease of that prosperity with which this Church has been favoured for several years past.

The present number of clergymen is thirty-one. Seven persons have been ordained Deacons; and six Deacons have been ordained Priests. Six clergymen have been received into the State, and five have removed from it. One has departed this life. One institution has taken place.

The number of congregations has increased since the last General Convention, and is now 28. Four new Churches have been consecrated: and five are building. The number of baptisms reported is 823; confirmations 229; communicants 1415.

By a comparison of parochial reports from year to year, we observe, with devout gratitude to Almighty God, a very gradual but regular increase and advancement of the Church in this State.

The amount of Missionary exertions, which we consider as some criterion of the state of religion, has been much greater since the last General Convention than at any former period.

There is only one candidate for the ministry in the state.

A State Sunday School Union Society has been formed auxiliary to the General Union, and has been more than a year in operation. The parochial reports exhibit a flourishing condition of our Sunday Schools generally. Classes for Biblical instruction have been formed in most of the parishes, and appear to have been attended with a divine blessing to the Church. It is believed that the interest of vital religion is advancing, and that an increase of devotional spirit is manifest in a growing attachment and careful adherence to the services and institutions of the Church.

VERMONT.

The situation of the Church in this state, has not materially varied within the last three years. Four have, at different times, been added to the list of Clergy; but five have removed; so that the number is reduced from ten to nine. The number of Parishes is about the same. Two new church-edifices have been built, one at Middlebury, and the other at Woodstock; and preparations are going on for building one at Arlington. Some of the Parishes have been much weakened by removals, as well as by the common dispensations of Providence; but yet, the number of communicants remains about the same, somewhat more than 800. Libraries have recently been formed in some of the Parishes, in conformity with a recommendation of the State Convention; and Sunday Schools are in

operation wherever the churches are supplied with clergymen; some of them connected with the general Union, and some of them furnished with considerable libraries. There are two candidates for the ministry belonging to this state; and several others in a course of education for the sacred office. One person has been ordained Deacon, and five have been ordained Priests, within the last three years.

Respecting the lands belonging to the Society for propagating the Gospel, it is considered that all the material points of law have been settled in favour of the church; but still there are some suits in court, which occasion considerable expense, and prevent the occupation of a portion of the lands. Some assistance, however, has been afforded to each of the Parishes for the last year. There is a Missionary Society in this state.

Baptisms reported in three years,—adults 63; children 163; marriages 127; funerals 160.

RHODE ISLAND.

It appears that the Church in this state continues to flourish. By the blessing of God upon the regular and rubrical use of her evangelical services, and the faithful preaching of the Gospel, she is gradually adding to her numbers, and growing in the affections of the people. Two Parishes have been organized, and received as members of the Convention within a year, under circumstances of good promise to the best interests of the community. A feeling favourable to the religious education of children pervades almost all classes of people in this portion of the Eastern Diocese. They contribute freely to the support, and gladly put their children under the influence of, Sunday-School instruction. Very little has been done in behalf of missions, except by St. Michael's Church, in Bristol, of which the Bishop is Rector. But it may be hoped, from the zeal in relation to this subject, which was manifested by the members of the last State Convention, and the measures they adopted, that the time is not distant, when the spirit of missions will be so identified with the spirit of Christianity, as to produce results of some importance, to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States.

CONNECTICUT.

The number of Clergymen in this Diocese, at the Convention in June last, was 59; and the number of Parishes 78.

Since the last Triennial Convention, ten Presbyters and ten Deacons have been ordained; and seven hundred and eighty-four have received the rite of confirmation. The present number of candidates for holy orders is 12. There has been a respectable increase in the number of communicants; but the imperfect returns exhibited in the parochial reports, render it impossible to state the exact amount of that increase. Sunday Schools have been organized in nearly all the parishes in the Diocese. They are, for the most part, in a very flourishing condition, and are in connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, whose system of instruction is generally adopted.

The Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese, continues to give assistance to a few Missionaries, who are usefully employed in building up decayed parishes, and forming new congregations, in various parts of the Diocese.

The cause of missions, domestic and foreign, is assuming more and more the importance it deserves, in the estimation of the Episcopalians of Connecticut; and a general conviction exists, that it is closely identified with the prosperity of the church at home, and the increase of individual piety. Some of the congregations have set a noble example of Christian liberality to wards this object; and from no quarter do the friends of missions meet with any thing deserving the name of opposition.

The establishment of Washington College, of which a statement was given in the last Triennial Report, was an event of the highest importance to the Church. To the liberality of the Episcopalians of Connecticut; and more particularly, to the exertions and sacrifices of the city of Hartford, is this institution indebted for its endowment. Its progress hitherto has been fully equal to the expectations of its friends. At its third annual Commencement, on the first Thursday in August, 1829, the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on twenty young men, alumni of the Institution. Notwithstanding the short time it has been in operation, its literary exhibitions have evinced a proficiency in classical and scientific studies, not inferior to that exhibited in the older institutions of our country.

The want of ministers to serve at our altars gave rise to the CHURCH-SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY; the object of which is, "to assist meritorious young men, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the attainment of a collegiate education; and, when the state of the funds may be thought to justify the measure, candidates for Holy Orders may be assisted in obtaining their theological education." This is justly regarded as a most

important event to the welfare of the Church ; and through the exertions of its indefatigable agent, the Rev. William Barlow, funds to the amount of more than \$6,000 have already been secured. Such is the comprehensive plan of the institution, that its benefits are confined to no one diocese or college. Scholarships may be formed in any part of the country ; and their founders have the right secured to them of nominating the candidates to enjoy the benefits of the same, and at any college they may prefer. A number of beneficiaries are already enjoying the fruits of this institution.

On the whole, the prospects of this Diocese are highly encouraging. It is believed, that in no part of our country are the doctrines of the Gospel preached with more faithfulness, or with a more sensible influence on the hearers.

NEW-YORK.

This Diocese consists at present of 128 clergymen (the Bishop, 111 Presbyters, and 16 Deacons) and 163 congregations ; being an increase, since the last General Convention, of 14 clergymen, and 10 congregations.

There have been admitted to the order of Deacons, since the last General Convention, twenty-two candidates ; and twenty Deacons, to the order of Priests. Five Presbyters have been instituted into Rectorships ; and twenty-two other clergymen have been settled in churches. Five clergymen have departed this life. Thirty-five missionaries are employed. There are now sixteen candidates for orders. Ten new churches have been organized and admitted into union with the Convention. Twenty new church-edifices have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God. The number of persons confirmed by the Bishop has been 1954.

As the last General Convention was held a short time after the Convention of this Diocese of 1826, and the present Convention precedes that of the Diocese for 1829—the following statements are drawn from the parochial and missionary reports to but two Conventions, those of 1827, and 1828. Baptisms, 3472.—Marriages, 1253.—Funerals, 2499. Communicants, 5556. Collections for the Episcopal fund, \$1,338 31—Do. Missiary fund, \$5,702 54—Do. Diocesan fund, \$1,202 83.

The various societies for religious charities continue in active and efficient operation. Sunday Schools are very numerous and flourishing, and almost all in connexion with the General Sunday-School Union. The system of instruction, and the books of

that Union, are found of the most valuable character. In the city of New-York, a number of zealous and liberal individuals have formed a *Protestant Episcopal Press*, to be devoted to printing, publishing, &c. &c. for our Church at large. It has gone into vigorous operation, and promises the most extensive usefulness.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey, although its comparative increase is not equal to that of the Churches in many of the States, in which the population is continually advancing, by the formation of new settlements, has made greater progress within the last ten or twelve years, than at any period since its re-organization, at the close of the revolution. Its number of Clergymen is now twenty—the Bishop, eighteen Presbyters, and one Deacon. The number of congregations is thirty-one, worshipping in thirty Churches, some of them new, and all, with scarcely an exception, in good repair. Twenty-four of the congregations enjoy stated regular service. The residue, at present, are only occasionally supplied, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring Clergymen to act as missionaries.

During the recess of the General Convention, the Bishop has admitted to the order of Priests the Rev. Smith Pyne. In the same period he has instituted Mr. Pyne into the Rectorship of St. John's Church, at Elizabethtown, and the Rev. Benjamin Holmes into that of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese :—the Rev. William Chaderton, now residing at Burlington; the Rev. William Douglass, as Minister of St. James' Church, Piscataway, and Trinity Church, Woodbridge; the Rev. Henry M. Mason, as Minister of St. John's Church, at Salem, and St. George's Church, Pennsneck; the Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D. as Minister of St. Matthew's Church; city of Jersey; the Rev. William R. Whittingham, as Minister of St. Mark's Church, Orange; and the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, officiating at St. John's Church, Elizabethtown. The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, who had left the Diocese in 1828, has also returned to it, and is now the Principal of the Academy at Newark.

The Diocese has been deprived, by death, of the venerable Dr. Abraham Beach, and by removal to Connecticut, of the Rev. Smith Pyne, now the Rector of Christ Church, Middletown.

Three new congregations, under the names of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, St. Mark's Church, at Orange, and St. Luke's Church, at Hope, have been organized in the Diocese, since the last report, and received by the Convention into union. The first two have erected handsome and comparatively spacious Churches for their accommodation, which have been consecrated by the Bishop to the service of Almighty God.

Confirmations have been administered in the following Churches:—St. John's, Salem; St. Andrew's, Mount Holly; St. Mary's, Burlington; St. Michael's, Trenton; Christ-Church, Newton; Christ-Church, Shrewsbury; St. Peter's, Spotswood; St. Peter's, Perth Amboy; St. Mark's, Orange; and St. Peter's Morristown.

The number of Baptisms reported is 660. The number of persons confirmed has been 140. The communicants are about 800.

Two persons in the Diocese are preparing for admission as candidates for orders.

The Churches within his charge, with occasional exceptions, are still visited by the Bishop, once in each year; and the Canons, Rubrica, and usages, are generally observed.

The Sunday Schools continue to flourish; and as a Diocesan Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the General Sunday School Union of our Church, was instituted by the Convention at its recent sitting; it is to be hoped, that both their number and usefulness will be considerably increased.

The annual avails of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese—which was instituted more than twenty-five years since—have been much enlarged within a few years, by the productions of the genius, taste, and industry of zealous missionary associations of ladies, in several of the Churches, who are still “not weary in well doing;” and the increasing good effects of the institution, under the Divine blessing, have continued to be manifested, especially since the last report.

The fund for the relief of widows and children of Clergymen, who have been members of the Diocese, is, at present, rapidly increasing. Its amount exceeds \$12,000.

The Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety is uniform in its operations and progress. It gratuitously distributes, as usual, Bibles, Prayer Books, and religious tracts; makes donations to the Missionary fund: and though much circumscribed in its local limits, has now a permanent fund of about fourteen hundred dollars,

The institution of the Bishop-Croes Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, reported, at the last General Convention, as being in progress, is now happily completed; and the amount deposited in the Treasury of that important nursery of the Church.

Among the prosperous characteristics of the Church in the Diocese, it merits especial notice, and cannot but afford high gratification to pious and benevolent minds, that generally, through the Divine goodness, more attention to, and more interest and zeal in, the concerns of religion, are apparent among its members, than has sometimes been the case in former years; and it is believed, not without corresponding beneficial effects. This, as well as its external prosperity, calls for devout thankfulness to the Father of Mercies, and should prompt its members to offer up the most earnest and fervent supplications, through the merits of Christ, that it may not only be continued, but increased.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Diocese consists at present of the Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, fifty-three Presbyters, twelve Deacons, and seventy-one congregations; being an accession, since the last General Convention, of eight Clergymen, and seventeen congregations.

The number of persons, who have been ordained Deacons, is nine. The number of Deacons ordained Priests, eight. One Presbyter has departed this life. There are fifteen candidates for holy orders. Seven churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

The number of persons confirmed has been one thousand and seventeen.

The number of baptisms reported since the last General Convention, is 2211. The number of communicants is 2563.

The Missionaries employed within the past year under the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese were eleven.

The fund for the support of widows and children of deceased Clergymen, amounts to \$42,595 33.

The state of religion, on the whole, appears encouraging. Sunday School instruction flourishes in many Parishes, and is carefully maintained in nearly all. Infant Schools have been established with much success in some instances, and promise a high degree of usefulness. Occasional examples have occurred in a few of the congregations of a peculiar degree of religious sensibility, followed by numerous and solemn professions. In

other places, large additions have been made to the congregations and to the number of communicants, accompanied by a gradual increase of general seriousness, and devotional regularity. And a much more earnest attention is manifested on the subjects of Theological and Christian education, and the great cause of Missionary exertion.

And although the Diocese has not escaped its share of the agitation usually incident to the management of elections, whether in Church or State; although we have had to lament, in some particulars, the evils of a temporary alienation amongst brethren, and in many others, the spirit of worldliness, indifference, and neglect; although we have great reason to long for an increase, not only in the number of our ministers, but in the zeal of their labours, and in the consistent diligence of their flocks; yet is there cause of deep and fervent gratitude to the gracious Head of the Church for the blessings which he has vouchsafed to us, and ground to hope that the Diocese of Pennsylvania will experience an increasing measure of prosperity for the years to come.

DELAWARE.

In the Diocese of Delaware there are five clergymen resident, four of whom have parishes, the other, from age and infirmities, only occasionally exercising his ministry.

In Newcastle county the churches are in good repair, and supplied. In the two remaining counties the state of the church has not materially altered since the last report—with this exception—that a commodious and handsome place of worship has recently been erected in Smyrna, Kent county, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk. A clergyman has been invited to officiate in this church, and has accepted the invitation.

Attached to several of the churches are flourishing Sunday Schools, in which deep interest is felt, and from which there has been a happy result. There has, in some of the parishes, been laid the foundation of libraries attached to the churches, and thus an example set, worthy of general imitation. It is to be regretted, that the Diocesan Missionary Society has been totally inefficient from the inability to obtain missionaries.

The church in Delaware, availing itself of the provision in the twentieth Canon of 1808, invited the Right Rev. Bishop White to visit and perform Episcopal offices in this Diocese, and a similar invitation has been given to the Right Rev. Dr.

Underdonk, as Assistant Bishop, whose services have produced and revived feelings promotive of the best interests of the church.

The number of communicants, so far as they can be ascertained, is 217. The difference under this head, between the present and former return, is attributable to an error in that, and not to any diminution of communicants.

MARYLAND.

It appears from the journals of the several Conventions which have been held in this Diocese since the last meeting of the General Convention, that four persons have been ordained Deacons, and thirteen admitted to the holy order of Priests. There are now in the Diocese fifty-one clergymen and four candidates for Orders, and three Churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

According to the parochial Reports, 3302 persons have been baptized, 575 confirmed, and there are now 2325 communicants in the church. But it is to be observed, that in some instances no parochial Reports have been made, and that in others there does not appear to be as much accuracy, as it would be desirable to find in them.

The Diocesan Missionary Society, formed some years since, appears to have been useful in some of the parishes which had been deprived of the ordinances of the Gospel, and it is a matter of deep regret that it has not received that pecuniary aid which the situation of many parts of the Diocese so imperiously demands. Sunday Schools have been formed in most of the parishes, and have been eminently useful, and some of them have become auxiliary to the General Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church. There are Charity Schools also attached to St. Paul's parish, and St. Peter's Church, in the city of Baltimore, and in that first named, 23 female orphans are supported as well as instructed. The Episcopal Female Tract Society of Baltimore, which has been mentioned in former reports, continues to render essential service to the cause of religion and the Church. Societies of a similar description, most of them auxiliary to the one just named, have been formed in other parts of the Diocese, and have, with the Prayer Book and Homily Society of Maryland, been instrumental in diffusing among our members a knowledge of the doctrines, liturgy, and government of the church. The funds of the corporation for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergy men, are

considerable, and the products of them have been beneficially applied, in many instances, to the relief and comfort of those for whom it was intended. At a late meeting of the Convention a Society was formed for the relief of aged and infirm Ministers of the Church.


Since the last meeting of the General Convention, the Diocese of Maryland has been called to mourn the death of its much beloved Bishop Kemp. The Journals of the two last Conventions record the deep affliction which was produced by this event, and the various communications of the different Ecclesiastical bodies, expressing their condolence with the Church in the Diocese, in the heavy loss which it has sustained, and the sentiments of love and veneration which the Diocese at large cherished for him.

Under the Constitutional and Canonical provisions of this Diocese, for the performance (during a vacancy in the episcopate) of duties not peculiarly belonging to the Episcopal office, the Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. has been elected President of the Convention.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, on the invitation of the Standing Committee, has visited and performed Episcopal services in several portions of the Diocese; and his services have produced the happiest effects, and tended, in a high degree, to sustain the cause, and extend the influence, of our Church in Maryland.

VIRGINIA.

The prospects of the Church in the Diocese of Virginia continue encouraging, and indeed are greatly more so than at the time of the last report. The number of clergy has considerably increased; the principles of the Church are better understood, and more than ever loved; and the influence of pure and undefiled religion more extensively felt. Arrangements have been made for the permanent establishment of the Theological Seminary of the Diocese; and a system adopted for its future management, calculated, it is confidently believed, very greatly to extend the influence, and multiply the benefits, of that institution. A Diocesan Missionary Society has been recently established, from whose operations much is expected; and by means of which our numerous waste places, we trust, will soon be, in some hopeful measure, supplied with the ministrations of the Gospel; and the doctrines and institutions of the Church made known in the hitherto neglected and destitute but important



western section of the State beyond the mountains. Auxiliaries to the Education Society, one of the favorite institutions of the Diocese, have considerably multiplied; and by their uncommon exertions have been made, within the last two years, for the vigorous and successful prosecution of the noble and truly pious object of assisting devout and gifted youths in preparing for the Gospel ministry.

Besides the repair of several of our old churches, almost in ruins, and the re-occupation of some hitherto almost or entirely deserted, it is pleasing to report the building and consecration of several entirely new.

The number of clergy is now 44; and there is the prospect of an early addition to their number from among the candidates for Orders now prosecuting their studies at the Seminary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The situation and prospects of this Diocese are such as to encourage its labourers, and call forth lively thanksgiving to Him who ruleth over the whole Church.

Since the last General Convention of 1826, there have been baptized 489, (of whom about 60 were adults,) and confirmed 160. The present number of the Clergy is 12, viz.: one Bishop, nine Presbyters, and two Deacons. The number of communicants is 640. Many have been added since the last report; and it may be well here to correct an inaccuracy in that report. The number of communicants was at that time stated to be 649, whereas there could not have been more than 500, which would show an increase, since that period, of 160. The number of Sunday scholars is about 500. and an increasing zeal in the cause of Sunday School instruction is manifest in all our congregations. In almost every instance, our schools are connected with our General Sunday School Union, and are reaping much benefit from its excellent system of instruction.

The number of Congregations is 24. Three persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons. Four Deacons have been ordained Priests. There are at present two candidates for holy orders. Five clergymen have removed from the Diocese, and four have been received into it.

Lay-reading, in the vacant congregations, has been attended with much profit.

Much good has been done by the Female Associations of Industry.

The Episcopal Fund is at present estimated at \$11,405.

The Bishop has been freed from parochial charge.

The Canons and Rubrics are, in all cases, complied with; and above all, a spirit of love and harmony pervades the councils, as well as the daily intercourse, of its Ministers and Members.

At the last Convention, the Bishop expressed his heartfelt gratification, and unfeigned thankfulness, for the increasing piety which was apparent in all the congregations during his last visitation.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

In this Diocese, there are 43 organized Congregations, eight of which are without a minister. The Clergy consist of the Bishop, 29 Presbyters, and 4 Deacons. One of these has been absent from the Diocese since 1826, but has never applied for, or received his dismission from the Diocese, according to the Canons. Twenty-five of our Ministers are clerically employed; one is President of the College in Charlestown; and eight are without cures. Within the period embraced by this report, three persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons.

Two Clergymen have removed from the Diocese, two have come into it, one has been displaced from his grade in the ministry, and two have departed this life. Several distinguished laymen have been removed by death, and also one of our candidates for holy orders. The number of candidates is five. Two Churches have been consecrated, and one is nearly ready for consecration.

The baptisms reported are, of infants, 882; of adults, 117; and 368 persons have been confirmed. There are 1974 communicants reported, of whom 476 are persons of colour.

The monthly religious publication, entitled "The Gospel Messenger, and Southern Episcopal Register," which was commenced in January, 1824, is still continued, under the direction of members of our Church.

The Bishop's Fund is slowly increasing, and amounts to \$9637,80; which sum is invested in public securities.

The religious societies mentioned in our last report, are engaged in their useful labours with undiminished zeal. They have had in their service within the last three years nine Missionaries. Several sewing societies for pious and charitable purposes; a female Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract society; and a society for the special purpose of increasing the Bishop's permanent Fund, (which is under the control of the Diocesan Convention, and of which three-fourths of the interest may be applied to the immediate support of the Episcopal office in the

Diocese, if needed,) have been instituted. Of this last named society, for the scheme of which we are indebted to the judicious zeal of one of our clergy, who is also a very active officer of the same, any person can become a member by paying one dollar annually, or a member for life, by paying twenty dollars, regulations which, it is hoped, will ensure a large number of members, and render the society eminently efficient.

Our Sunday Schools are in successful operation, and have been greatly aided by the books of the Sunday School Union of our Church. The number of teachers reported to our last Convention, was 150, and of scholars, 1215.

This Diocese has never been insensible to the interests of the General Theological Seminary, nor unwilling to do what it could to promote them. In conformity to the recommendations of the last General Convention, measures were taken for procuring our quota in aid of the Building Fund of the Seminary. The subject was brought before the Convention in 1827, by the Bishop, and a Committee of the same Convention reported a scheme of contributions; according to which we have the satisfaction to report that \$1040,74 has been paid in. The balance due, viz \$609,26 (the whole quota being \$1650, at the rate of \$50 for each of our 33 clergymen*) we have no doubt would have been obtained, but for the late bequest of Mr. Kohns, which some persons may plead, not correctly, as we think, as a reason for not giving, since many years will probably elapse before the Seminary will receive this bequest.

There was paid to the General fund of the Seminary, prior to the General Convention of 1826 (See p. 48 of the Journal) by this Diocese	\$9017 60
Since that period paid into the same fund	269 60
On account of the Building Fund, paid in	1030 74
For the founding of the Claremont Scholarship paid in	48 00
The Bishop Dehon Scholarship Fund is	3567 68
The Bishop Bowen Scholarship Fund at present is	1551 57

Total contributed to this object - \$15485 19

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, instituted by the General Convention, (we regret we are not able to report a larger number,) has only five Annual and twenty-one Life Members in this Diocese.

We have the pleasure to report, that the Canons and rules of the Church are observed. Indeed we know of no clergyman among us who habitually disregards them.

* When the subscription was opened we had 33, now we have 34 clergymen.

In conclusion, we would refer, for further information as to the state of the Church in this Diocese, to our former Reports, as we deem it unnecessary to repeat statements, which are made therein.

GEORGIA.

The Church in this Diocese has undergone no material change since the last General Convention, but continues to labour under the depression arising from the want of clergymen, not only for the supply of parishes already organized, but also for the raising up of new congregations in districts where every encouragement is offered for successful ministerial exertion. Efforts have not been wanting to remedy the evil, in the formation and encouragement of Missionary Societies, and in the repeated applications which have been made to individuals, as well as to the Church at large, for co-operation in reaping the wide-spread harvest which is here presented.

There is in this Diocese but one candidate for Holy Orders, viz. Mr. Theodore F. Bartow, who was admitted within the last year. The number of communicants is about 200. Sunday Schools are established in Savannah and Augusta, in connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and are in a prosperous condition. There are also two Societies auxiliary to the General Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which annually transmit their mite to the Treasurer of that important institution. In addition to which, there are several others of a local nature, to whose exertions we look, with anxious expectation, for the future enlargement of the borders of Zion, and humbly hope, that under the Divine blessing, we shall not look in vain.

OHIO.

The Diocese of Ohio reports the number of clergy to be 15, consisting of a Bishop, 13 Presbyters, and 1 Deacon.

Since the report of 1826, three persons have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and four Deacons to the order of Priests. Five clergymen have been received into this Diocese. The number of candidates for Orders is two.

The Journals of 1827 and 1828 exhibit an increase of 101 communicants: of baptisms 329 of which 35 were adults.

Ministerial faithfulness amongst us is encouraged by large and attentive audiences; by frequent additions to the Church, of such, we trust, as shall be eternally saved; and by the extension of that influence which the power of truth seldom fails to exert.

MISSISSIPPI.

In this Diocese are five congregations. Within the last three years, there have been in it, 65 baptisms, 30 marriages and 20 funerals. The number of communicants is 50.

There has been formed in this Diocese, a Society, styled The Protestant Episcopal Society, for the advancement of Christianity in Mississippi. The Society has distributed a considerable number of Prayer Books and Tracts.

One clergyman has been received, one removed, and one departed this life, since the last report.

In transmitting this report, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies solicit for the Church the prayers and blessing of the Bishops, and respectfully request their counsel in a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Members of the Church.

Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.
W. E. WYATT, *President*.

Attest, BENJ. T. ONDERDONK, *Secretary*.
Philadelphia, August 20, 1829.

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1829.

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CANON I.

Of those who have officiated as Ministers among other denominations of Christians, and apply for orders in this Church.

SEC. 1. When a person who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, being satisfied, on examination according to the Canons, that he is a man of piety and unexceptionable character; that he holds the doctrines of the Church, and that he possesses all the literary and other qualifications required, and being furnished with testimonials from the Standing Committee duly convened, may ordain him as soon as is convenient. And the Standing Committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, from twelve members of the denomination from which he came; provided the members of the Committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one Clergy-

man of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In all such cases the Standing Committee may insert in their testimonials the words, "we believe him to be sincerely attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church," instead of the words, "and hath not written, taught, or held, any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

Sec. 2. When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, shall require of him, (in addition to the above qualifications,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States previous to his application.

The XVIIth Canon of 1808, and the IVth and Vth of 1820, are hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished.

If any Minister of this Church shall be accused, by public rumour, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of this Church, or of being guilty of scandalous, disorderly, or immoral conduct, or of violating the Canons, or preaching or inculcating heretical doctrine, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or ecclesiastical authority, to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public rumour. And in case of the individual being proceeded against and convicted, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective Dioceses, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, as the nature of the case may require.

The XXVth Canon of 1808, is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

To govern in the case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of this Church.

If any Minister of this Church, against whom there is no ecclesiastical proceeding instituted, shall declare to the Bishop of the Diocese to which he belongs, or to any ecclesiastical authority for the trial of Clergymen, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop,

of the Standing Committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to displace him from the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three Clergymen, that the person so declaring has been displaced from the ministry in this Church. In any Diocese in which there is no Bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the Bishop of any other Diocese, invited by the Standing Committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee in every Diocese wherein there is no Bishop. And in the case of a person making the above declaration for causes not affecting his moral standing, the same shall be declared.

The VIIth Canon of 1820, is hereby repealed.

CANON IV.

Concerning Ministers removing from one Diocese or State to another.

SEC. 1. No Minister removing from one Diocese to another, or coming from any State or district which may not have acceded to the Constitution of this Church, shall be received as a stated officiating Minister by any congregation of this Church, until he shall have presented to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop or ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese or State to which he is about to remove, that he has produced satisfactory testimonials that he has not been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion, or viciousness of life, during the three years last past; or in case the party has been subjected to proceedings, or to inquiry, in consequence of any charges subjecting him to censure, the fact of acquittal or exoneration from such charges may be stated in lieu of testimonials in the preceding terms; which testimonials or statement shall be signed by the Bishop or Bishops, or where there is no Bishop, by the majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee or Committees of the Diocese or Dioceses wherein he has resided; which Committee or Committees shall, in all cases, be duly convened: or in case he comes from a State or district not in connexion with this Church, and having no Convention, by three Clergymen of this Church. Nor shall any Minister, so removing, be acknowledged by any Bishop or Convention, as a Minister of the Church to which he removes, until he shall have produced the aforesaid testimonial.

SEC. 2. Every Minister shall be amenable for any offences committed by him to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he is canonically resident, at the time of the charge.

The XXXIst Canon of 1808 is hereby repealed.

CANON V.

Of Assistant Bishops.

When the Bishop of a Diocese is unable, by reason of old age, or other permanent cause of infirmity, to discharge his Episcopal duties, one Assistant Bishop may be elected by and for the said Diocese, who shall, in all cases, succeed the Bishop, in case of surviving him. The Assistant Bishop shall perform such Episcopal duties, and exercise such Episcopal authority in the Diocese, as the Bishop shall assign to him: and in case of the Bishop's inability to assign such duties, declared by the Convention of the Diocese, the Assistant Bishop shall, during such inability, perform all the duties, and exercise all the authorities, which appertain to the office of Bishop. No person shall be elected or consecrated a Suffragan Bishop, nor shall there be more than one Assistant Bishop in a Diocese at the same time.

CANON VI.

Respecting Churches in which Divine Service is celebrated in a Foreign Language.

When a clergyman, coming from a foreign country, and professing to be regularly ordained, shall be called to a church of this communion in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, he may, with the approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such church is situated, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, or with the unanimous approbation of the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop, and on complying with the other requisitions of the Canons, settle in the said church, as the Minister thereof, without having resided one year in the United States, any thing in the 36th Canon of 1808 to the contrary notwithstanding. And when a person, not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister of any other denomination of Christians, applies for orders in this Church, on the ground of a call to a church in which divine service is celebrated in a foreign language, the Standing Committee of the Diocese to which the said church belongs may, on sufficient evidence of fitness according to the Canons, and by an unanimous vote at a meeting duly convened, recommend him to the Bishop

for orders, and the Bishop may then ordain him, and he may be settled and instituted into the said church, without his producing a testimonial to his character by a Clergyman, from his personal knowledge of him for one year, and without his having been a year resident in this country, any thing in any other Canon of this Church, to the contrary notwithstanding. *Provided*, That in both of the above cases, the person applying produce a certificate, signed by at least four respectable members of this Church, that they have satisfactory reason to believe the testimonials to his religious, moral, and literary qualifications to be entitled to full credit.

CANON VII.

In addition to Canon XXXIII. of 1808.

Where parish boundaries are not defined by law, or otherwise, each city, borough, village, town, or township, in which there is one Protestant Episcopal Church or congregation, or more than one such Church or congregation, shall be held, for all the purposes of the 33d Canon of 1808, to be the parish or parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Clergyman or Clergymen having charge of said Church or Churches, congregation or congregations.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia, August, 1829.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Presiding Bishop.

Attested, BIRD WILSON, D. D. Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D. President.

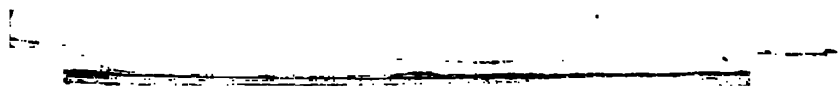
Attested, BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK, D. D. Secretary.

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LIST

Of the Clergy and Lay Deputies who composed the Convention.

CLERGY.

The *Right Rev. John Croes, D. D.* Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The *Rev. James Chapman*, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Perth-Amboy;

The *Rev. John Croes, Junr.* Assistant Minister of Christ-
Church, New-Brunswick;

The *Rev. Clarkson Dunn*, Rector of Christ-Church, New-
ton;

The *Rev. John M. Ward*, Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Spotswood;

The *Rev. Benjamin Holmes*, Rector-elect of St Mark's
Church, Orange;

The *Rev. William Douglass*, Minister of St. James's Church,
Piscataway, and Missionary to the Churches of Woodbridge
and Alexandria.

The *Rev. Harry Finch*, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrews-
bury, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown.

The *Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.* Rector of St. Michael's
Church, Trenton;

The *Rev. Matthew Matthews*;

The *Rev. Matthew H. Henderson*, a Deacon, officiating at
Trinity-Church, Newark;

The *Rev Hewlet R. Peters*, a Deacon, officiating at St.
Peter's Church, Morristown.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Mark W. Collet Esq. from St. Paul's Church Paterson.

Samuel Williams, and Amos A. Harrison, from St. Mark's
Church, Orange.

Archer Gifford Esq. Benjamin Cleveland, and Charles H.
Halsey Esq. from Trinity-Church, Newark.

Dayton I. Canfield, from St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

Thomas G. Marsh from St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

Henry A. Langstaff from St. James's Church, Piscataway.

Dr. Edward Carroll, and William Lupp and William H. Lupp Esq. from Christ-Church, New Brunswick.

Jacob Van Wickle Esq. and Stephen Rudd, William Snowhill, James D. Farrington and John Earhart from St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

James Throckmorton, Joseph Voorhees, Elisha West and Edmund West from Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

Thomas Gordon Esq. from St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

John H. Carr Esq. from St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

Abraham Harris and Samuel Rudderow from St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

Isaac Welsh from St. Paul's Church, Camden.

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Spotswood, Wednesday, May 25th, 1831.

This being the time, appointed in the Constitution, for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, and this being the place assigned in the same instrument for its present session; the Right Rev. John Croes, D. D. and several clergymen and lay deputies assembled in St. Peter's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning service was read by the Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. and a sermon preached by the Rev. James Chapman.

The religious exercises having been concluded, the Bishop took the chair and appointed the Rev. James Chapman, and Mark W. Collet Esq. a Committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The Committee reported, that deputies were present from thirteen churches.

The Clergymen present, were

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D.

The Rev. James Chapman,
— John Croes Jr.
— Clarkson Dunn,
— John M. Ward,
— Benjamin Holmes,
— William Douglass,

The Rev. Harry Finch,
— Frederick Beasley, D. D.
— Matthew Matthews,
— Matthew H. Henderson,
— Hewlet R. Peters.

The Lay Deputies, were

Mark W. Collet,
Samuel Williams.
Amos A. Harrison,
Archer Gifford,
Charles H. Halsey,
Benjamin Cleveland,
Dayton I. Canfield,
Thomas G. Marsh,
Henry A. Langstaff,

Dr. Edward Carroll,
Jacob Van Wickle,
William Snowhill,
Stephen Rudd,
James D. Farrington.
John Earhart,
James Throckmorton,
Joseph Voorhees,
Elisha West,

Edmund West,
Thomas Gordon,
John H. Carr,

Abraham Harris,
Samuel Rudderow,
Isaac Welsh.

The number of churches represented being sufficient to constitute a Convention, the members were called to order by the President and proceeded to business.

On motion, the election of a Secretary took place, when the Rev. John Croes Jun. was unanimously chosen to that office.

It was moved and resolved, that clergymen belonging to other dioceses, and candidates for orders in the Episcopal Church, who may be in this village, during the session of this Convention, be invited to attend its sittings. The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright D. D. of the Diocese of New-York, by virtue of the above resolution appeared therefore and took his seat.

On motion, the rules of order, adopted for the government of the Convention of 1828, were read, and afterwards adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Bishop then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

At each annual sitting of the Convention of the Church, in the Diocese, it becomes my duty, my brethren, to make a statement to you of the visitations which I have made, during the preceding year, the changes that have taken place, and, generally of its present welfare.

In the performance of this duty, I inform you, that the first visit I made, since we last assembled in Convention, was to the vacant Church of St. Peter's at Berkeley. This took place on Friday the 28th of May, 1830, when I performed Divine service and preached.

The day succeeding, I visited the newly instituted congregation of St. Paul's Church, at Camden, and on Sunday morning, the 30th of the same month, I officiated in that place. In the afternoon of the same Lord's day, I visited, and officiated at, the vacant church of St. Mary's Colestown.

On Monday the 31st of May, I made a visit to the few Episcopalians, residing at Pemberton, and was kindly permitted to

officiate, both on Monday and Tuesday, in the place of worship, belonging to the respectable society of Methodists, at that neat village.

On Wednesday, the 2nd of June, I visited St. Andrew's Church, at Mount Holly, and officiated on that, and the following evening.

On Saturday the 5th of June, I visited the congregation of St. Michael's Church, at Trenton, then vacant, and on the Sunday succeeding, officiated both morning and afternoon.

On Sunday the 27th of June, I visited St Peter's Church, at Perth-Amboy, and performed Divine service, and preached twice, on that occasion.

On Saturday the 14th of August, 1830, I visited St. Matthew's Church, at Jersey-city, with an intention of officiating, on the Sunday succeeding, but was prevented by sickness.

On Saturday the 28th of the same month, I again visited that Church, and on Sunday the 29th, I performed Divine service both morning and afternoon.

On Wednesday following, September the 1st, I visited Christ-Church, Middletown, preached and administered confirmation to three persons.

I visited also Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, on Thursday September the 3d, and preached, and administered confirmation, to eight persons. On the same day, I likewise instituted the Rev. Harry Finch into the Rectorship of that Church, Divine service being performed by the Rev. Clement F. Jones of the Diocese of Maryland.

On the succeeding Lord's day, September 5th, I again officiated in Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, in the morning; and in the afternoon, at Christ-Church, Middletown.

The day following, I proceeded to Jersey-city, with the view of instituting, on Tuesday the 7th of September, the Rev. Dr. Edmund D. Barry, into the Rectorship of St Matthew's Church, in that city. It was the will, however, of Divine Providence to permit me to be affected with an afflicting disease, on the morn-

ing of that day, and thus occasion me to return home without accomplishing my purpose.

The same cause has prevented me from making several of the visits, which I have usually made, once in each year; indeed such has been the defective state of my health for the last nine months, that I have scarcely been able to perform any of the active duties of my office.

Although my health had been in some degree affected, at the annual period of the meeting of the Trustees of our General Theological Seminary, in July last: yet, through Divine favour, I was enabled to attend to my duties, both as a member of the Board, and as a visiter at the examination of the several classes of the students. As usual, I was well satisfied with their progress, and with the happy prospect, which the institution affords us, of having, in time, a ministry, both ample in number, and high in qualifications.

In the course of our last Conventional year, the removals of ministers from, and reception into, the Diocese, have been the following.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley Jun. a Deacon lately of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has by a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Dr. White, Bishop of that Diocese, been transferred to this, and has been officiating at St. Paul's Church at Paterson.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. a Presbyter of Pennsylvania, and lately Provost of the University of that State, has removed into this Diocese, and been elected, and instituted, Rector of St. Michael's Church at Trenton.

The Rev. Charles Henry Alden, a Presbyter late of Rhode Island, in the Eastern Diocese, having removed into this Diocese, and presented to me, the certificate required by the 4th canon of 1829, he was admitted into it, and is now principal of a Female Seminary at Princeton.

The Rev. William R. Whittingham, has resigned his charge, as Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange, and removed into the Diocese of New-York.

The Rev. John Croes Jun. a Presbyter of this Diocese, having resigned the temporary charge of Trinity-Church, at Newark, has been elected an assistant Minister of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. Matthew H. Henderson, a Deacon, late of the Diocese of New-York, has by a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. Bishop of that Diocese, been transferred to this, and is now officiating, at Trinity-Church, at Newark.

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes. has resigned his charge as Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Morristown, and has now charge of St. Mark's Church, at Orange, as Rector elect.

The Rev. Hewlet R. Peters, a Deacon late of the Diocese of New-York, has, by a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of that Diocese, been transferred to this, and is now officiating at St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

There have been four institutions in the Diocese during the past year, viz. that of the Rev. Harry Finch, into the Rectorship of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury; that of the Rev. Frederick Beasley D. D. into the Rectorship of St. Michael's Church, Trenton,—that of the Rev. Edmund D. Barry D. D. into the Rectorship of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-city; and that of the Rev. Birdsey G. Noble into the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

There are three candidates for holy orders, in the Diocese.

It is pleasing to reflect, from the statement thus made, that, through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, our little Zion has suffered no decline, since we last assembled in Convention. On the contrary the number of Ministers belonging to the Diocese has increased from eighteen to twenty-one, which is more, than it ever had before, since its establishment. It has also a candidate for holy orders regularly officiating as a lay reader, in two churches. I regret however, to say, that there are two or three small congregations still wholly vacant, partly in consequence of the small means they can sur-

nish towards the support of a missionary ; and partly from the difficulty of obtaining one. This difficulty, however, it is to be hoped, will soon be removed.

With respect to the several funds belonging to the Church in this Diocese, or in any way connected with it, they are still increasing, and promise the most beneficial results.

If we look also to the state of our Church, as it exists throughout the United States, of which the Church, in this Diocese is but a small part, we shall find its prosperity continually increasing. It has, however, within the last year, seriously been interrupted, by an event, in no common degree painful and discouraging ; an event, which not only overwhelmed with grief and regret, the Church of a neighbouring Diocese ; but indeed extended through our whole communion.

It was to be expected, that whenever a Bishop of such distinguished piety, talents, and usefulness, as the late Bishop Hobart, should be removed from the scene of his extensive, and indefatigable labours ; the Church, more particularly under his care, would manifest in the strongest terms, and with the liveliest emotions, the great loss they had sustained ; but seldom has it occurred, that so deep and so general a grief has been shewn, as that, which actually took place, on that mournful, that afflictive event. Nothing could so powerfully exhibit the high sense entertained of his talents, piety and zeal, and of the immense loss, sustained by the Church, in his death, as the almost universal burst of grief and sorrow, that broke forth on the occasion. Measures, however, were put into operation, as soon as, this afflictive event, would permit, to supply that large and distinguished Diocese, with an ecclesiastical Head. The result has been, I am happy to say, very auspicious. A worthy and competent successor to Bishop Hobart, The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. has been elected, and with a harmony, and Christian spirit which do great credit to the Church in that Diocese.

It gives me great pleasure also to inform you, that the vacancy in the Episcopate of the Diocese of Maryland, occasioned



by the much lamented death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemp, has been filled by the election, and consecration to that office, of the Rev. William H. Stone, D. D. for many years a very respectable Presbyterian of that Diocese.

Committing our Church and her all important concerns to the protection and care of that Gracious and Divine Being, who has declared, that he will be with the Ministers of his own appointment, to the end of the world; and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his Church; may we not with holy confidence look forward to a continuance of her prosperity both temporal and spiritual, as well with respect to the small vineyard which we cultivate, as to that extensive field, of which ours is comparatively but a small part.

JOHN CROES.

Spotswood, May 25th, 1831.

On motion, resolved unanimously, that the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, who has been heretofore an instituted minister in this Diocese; but is not such at the present time, be considered, according to the third article of the Constitution, a member of this Convention in full standing.

It was then resolved, that a committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and make report thereof to the Convention. The Rev. Mr. Dunn and Archer Gifford were appointed for this purpose.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman asked, and obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the session, having been specially requested to attend a funeral in his parish.

Resolved, unanimously, that the Rev. John Croes Jun. who has been an instituted Rector in this Diocese, for many years; but is not such at present, be considered according, to the third article of the Constitution, a member of this Convention, in full standing.

The Convention then adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

235—*Communicants*, (6 added, 2 removed) 35—*Baptisms*, (7 adults, 6 children) 13—*Marriages* 2.

The shortness of the period (about 2 months) which has elapsed since the connexion between the present Rector and this Parish, obliges him to recur to the report of the state of it given to the last Convention. A few particulars have been added.

The Bible Class, less flourishing than at the date of the last report, has been reorganized; and the Female Society continues its labours and has introduced the reading of useful books for a portion of the time spent at its meetings.

St. Peter's Church, Morristown,

The Rev. HEWLET R. PETERS, Deacon, Minister.

Families, and *contributors*, between 40 and 50—*Communicants* (4 removed, 5 added) 25—*Baptisms*, 9—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, 4. The *Sunday School* has 14 instructors, and an average of 40 attending scholars. There is connected with it a library of about 60 volumes.

The sum of about \$300 has been given to the church by the ladies of the congregation, it being the proceeds of their zeal and industry during the past year.

Christ-Church, Newton,

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector.

Families, about 50,—*Communicants* (10 added, 1 removed) 25, *Baptisms* (1 adult 5 children) 6,—*Marriages* 3,—*Funerals*, part of the congregation, 9.

The *Sunday School* has been always under the immediate superintendence of the Rector. It has now 6 other teachers and consists of about 70 scholars. Its library contains 40 volumes.

St. John's Church, Elizabethtown,

The Rev. B. G. NOBLE, Rector.

Families, 90—*Communicants* (2 died 9 removed 10 added) 86—*Baptisms*, (3 adults 14 children) 17—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, 15.

The number of families in the parish is the same with the number reported last year, but it has suffered greatly by the removal of several of its most important members. In expressing our deep regret that so many valued members have removed, we may be allowed to indulge the hope, that this ancient and interesting Parish will, through the blessing of heaven, be sustained, and that, its members continuing to be actuated by their characteristic zeal, unity, and soundness of faith, its prosperity will not be diminished.

The Sunday-School Society has been, during the last year in a considerable degree successful in its operations. Its Board of managers meet monthly, and two of them in rotation visit the school every Sunday. The Library has been greatly increased by the funds of the society, and donations from benevolent individuals.

The Missionary Society, which raised the sum of fifty dollars the last year, will probably raise an equal amount this. A meeting on the subject of missions is held on the first Monday evening of every month.

The Bible Class, which meets every Wednesday evening has increased in number and interest. There have been regularly three Services in Church nearly the whole year, and for several months past a course of Lectures, preparatory to confirmation, has been delivered on Friday evenings, which have been numerously attended.

St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, about 44—*Communicants* (4 added 2 deceased and removed) 38—*Baptisms* 3,—*Funerals* (6 of the congregation 11 of others) 17,—*Marriages* 6,—*Sunday-School Teachers* 10,—*Scholars*, about 60.

St James's Church, Piscataway,

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Minister.

Families, about 22—*Communicants*, 9—*Baptisms*, 2—*Marriages*, 1—*Funerals*, 3—*Sunday-School Scholars*, about 22.

St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD Rector.

Families, about 47—*Communicants* (5 added, 1 deceased) 32,—*Baptisms* (1 adult, 3 children, 7 infants) 11—*Marriages* 4,—*Funerals* 7.

The Sunday School in this Congregation has been organized on the plan recommended by the general Sunday-School Society, to which it is auxiliary. It consists of 69 Scholars, 44 Male, and 25 Females, under the direction of the Rector, Superintendent, 2 Male and 8 Female teachers. The course of studies recommended by the general society is strictly adhered to: and to this circumstance, under the blessing of God, the present prosperous state of the school is principally attributed.

The Bible Class consists of about 15 members, who are generally punctual in their attendance, and appear to take a deep interest in their lessons.

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury,

The Rev. HARRY FINCH Rector.

Families, (7 added, 4 of which formerly attended Christ-Church, Middletown, 2 removed,) present number 61—*Communicants*, (16 added, 4 of whom formerly communed with the congregation at Middletown, died 1, removed 8,) 74—*Baptisms*, 3 infants,—*Funerals*, 5—*Marriages*, 10—*confirmed*, 8. In this Parish are six Sunday Schools, containing between 30 and 40 scholars each, taught according to the system of instruction of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. The Church is well attended and manifests an increasing prosperity.

Christ-Church, Middletown,

The Rev. HARRY FINCH Rector.

Families, (added 2, removed 1, transferred to Shrewsbury 3,) 8 —*Communicants*, (added 3, died 1, removed 1, transferred to Shrewsbury 3,) 10,—*Baptism*, 1 infant,—*Funerals* 4,—*confirmed* 3.

St. Michael's Church, Trenton,

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY D. D. Rector.

Families 56,—*Communicants* 47,—During the nine months that the Rector has officiated in the church, thirteen families or parts of families have taken pews, or parts of pews, and some new members have been added to the communion. During the same period, there have been 3 *Baptisms*, 3 *Marriages*, and 4 *Funerals*.

The former Sunday-school, which was very large, having been discontinued, when the Church was deprived of its Rector, a new one was commenced and now amounts to the number of 72. The Rector has thus far found his time and attention sufficiently occupied, in endeavouring to give new life and impulse to a church which presented to him a discouraging appearance, and on this account, has not thought it advisable to leave his own pulpit to supply vacant congregations. On last Sunday he made a collection of \$17 62 cents in aid of the Bishop's fund. The Rector has the pleasure to state, that the present condition of this Church is encouraging, and he doubts not that by proper exertions a large and respectable congregation may be formed here. The greatest difficulty with which it has now to contend, is a debt contracted in building a new house of worship. But situated as it is in the Capital of our State and the seat of the Legislature, having some as respectable, pious and zealous members as any that adorn any portion of the church of Christ, enjoying the advantages of a house of worship constructed with taste and elegance, and placed in the midst of a rapidly increasing population, with the blessing of God, it cannot fail to become, in a short time a large, prosperous and interesting portion of our Diocese.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington,

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON D. D. Rector.

Communicants about 60,—*Baptisms* 2,—*Marriages* 1.—*Funerals* 5.

The congregation is increasing, zealous and devout. The Sunday school is well attended, consisting of nearly one hundred scholars. The young ladies of the congregation persevere in their efforts to increase the missionary fund.

day, he officiated at Knowlton and Hope. At the former place he baptized 4 children, and 1 at the latter, and administered the Communion in each.

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes reported that he officiated once in August last, on a week day, at Hope, and baptized one child; and on a Sunday, once in St. James's Church Knowlton, and baptized one child, and twice at Belvidere, and baptized 3 children.

The Rev. William Douglass reported, that he had officiated two Sundays in Christ-Church New-Brunswick during the Bishop's indisposition; also 4 times in a private house at Amwell on Sunday evenings, after officiating in St. Thomas's Church Alexandria in the mornings; also once in the school house, and once in a private house at Quakertown, Hunterdon County.

The Rev. Mr. Ward reported, that he had preached on one Sunday at New-Brunswick in the absence of the Bishop and on two Sunday afternoons, at the Poorhouse in the County of Middlesex.

The Rev. M. Matthews reported, that he had during the past year, and previously to December last, performed missionary duty on thirteen Sundays, in St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

The Rev. Dr. Beasley reported, that he had officiated once on a week day evening, and twice on a Sunday in the vacant Church, at Paterson.

On motion the Clergy were then called upon for their reports of collections for the Episcopal and Missionary funds, during the past year.

In compliance with this request, the following sums were reported to have been collected.

	Missionary.	Episcopal.
In St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-City,	\$7 60	\$8 38
— Trinity-Church, Newark, Female Society,	41 00	0 00
— St. Mark's Church, Orange,	5 42	6 75
— St. Peter's Church, Morristown	10 00	8 00
— St. John's Church, Elizabethtown,	10 00	0 00
— Christ-Church, Newton,	0 00	10 00
— St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy,	3 70	6 30
— Trinity-Church, Woodbridge,	5 49	0 00
— St. James's Church, Piscataway,	1 19	0 00
From Rev. Matthew Matthews,	0 00	20 00
In Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,	13 30	12 73
— St. Peter's Church. Spotswood,	4 05	11 69

	Missionary	Episcopal
— St. Peter's Church, Freehold, -	4 12	0 00
— Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, -	9 00	6 00
Do. collected last year, -	9 58	0 00
— St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria,	3 43	0 00
— St. Michael's, Trenton, -	0 00	17 62
— St. Andrew's, Mount Holly, -	7 00	6 00
— St. Mary's, Burlington, -	0 00	0 00
— Trinity-Church, Swedesborough,	0 00	0 00
— St. John's Church, Salem, -	0 00	0 00
From the same respectable Clergyman who made a donation last year,	0 00	2 00

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, having performed that duty, reported that the accounts were correct. The report was accepted, and the accounts ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, was then presented, which on motion, was read, accepted, and ordered to be annexed to the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, resolved that the resolution passed last year, recommending those congregations which are not yet incorporated, to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by an Act of the Legislature of this State, for that purpose, passed February 17th, 1829, be substituted in place of the fifth resolution of a permanent nature, and that said fifth resolution be hereby rescinded.

Messrs. Canfield, Harris, and Rudderow asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Convention then adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.



Thursday morning, May 26, 1831.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Dunn.

The members of the Convention then took their seats and the proceedings of the former day were read.

The amendment to the first Article of the Constitution proposed at the last Convention by Josiah Harrison Esq. viz. "to

insert the word *Camden* between the words *Morristown* and *Newark*” was called up, and adopted.

The first article of the Constitution will therefore now read thus.

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Resolved, that the question, whether *Trinity-Church, at Newark, and Christ-Chapel, at Belleville, incorporated under the same charter, be represented in this Convention, as separate congregations, and also whether Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Christ-Church, Middletown, being also incorporated in one charter, be entitled to the same privilege, be referred to a committee, with instructions to report to the next Convention.*

Resolved that this Committee, consist of the Bishop, the Standing Committee, *Archer Gifford Esq. Augustus V. Vanhorne Esq. Joseph Voorhees, and Jacob M. Hatfield.*

Messrs. *Wm. Lupp and Wm. H. Lupp, deputies from Christ-Church New-Brunswick, appeared, and took their seats.*

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Of the Clergy were chosen,

Rev. James Chapman,
— John Croes Jun.
— John M. Ward,
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Of the Laity were chosen,

Dr. Edward Carroll
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The President offered the report of the Board of Directors of the Missionary fund, which was read accepted, and ordered to be appended to the Journal.

Resolved, that the Treasurer pay to the Right Rev. Bishop Croes whatever moneys may have accrued since the last Convention, either in interest from, or collections for the Episcopal fund.

On motion, resolved that it is expedient that the Holy Communion, be administered at the opening of the next, and all subsequent meetings of this Convention.

Resolved, that the report of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, be printed in a condensed form with the Journal of this Convention, and that it be recommended to the Sunday Schools in the several parishes to connect themselves with that Society, and to send in their annual reports to the Secretary of the same, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this Convention.

Resolved, in the opinion of this Convention, that the "*Episcopal Society of New-Jersey for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety*," is worthy of the patronage of the members of the Church in this Diocese, and that it be recommended to all who are able, to become members of it, and to the congregations of the Church in this Diocese, to form societies auxiliary to it.

Resolved, that the constitution of said Society be printed and appended to the Journal.

Resolved, that the same number of copies of the Journal be printed as was directed to be printed last year, and that they be distributed in the same proportion.

The minutes of the proceedings having then been read, on motion, the Convention rose.

JOHN CROES, *President*.

Attested, JOHN CROES, Jun. *Secretary*.

✂ The next annual Convention will be held, at Morristown, on the last Wednesday in May, 1832.

✂ *“Form of the testimonial to be given to Lay Deputies.”*

[Name of the Church, the place, and date.]

This certifies, that at a meeting of the congregation of this church, for the purpose of electing Church Officers, and Deputies to the Convention, (or for the purpose of electing Deputies to the Convention, if the meeting be for that object alone,) A. B., C. D., and E. F. were duly chosen to represent the congregation in that body, for the year ensuing. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand, (or, if two vestrymen subscribe, we have set our hands,) the day and year above written.

This certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, otherwise by one warden, or two vestrymen.”

LIST OF THE CLERGY, IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY.

The Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, JUNR. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

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The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector-elect of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Minister of St. James's Church, Passaicway, and Missionary to Trinity-Church, Woodbridge, and St. Thomas's Church, Alexandria.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, and Minister of St. George's Church, Pennsneck.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY D. D. Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury, and Minister of Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY D. D. Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. NORMAN NASH, Minister of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS.

The Rev. CHARLES HENRY ALDEN, Principal of a Female Seminary, at Princeton.

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY JUN. a Deacon.

The Rev. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, a Deacon, officiating in Trinity-Church, Newark.

The Rev. HEWLET R. PETERS, a Deacon officiating in St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. RALPH WILLISTON, residing at Jersey City.

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New-Branswick, October 19th, 1830.

The Standing Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT,

Of the Clergy,
Rev. John Croes Jun.
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Ward.

Of the Laity,
Dr. Edward Carroll,
James Parker, Esq.
Robert Boggs, Esq.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New-York made application for the Certificate required by the 3d Canon of the General Convention in favour of the Consecration of the Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk to the Episcopate of New-York.

The Testimonials being satisfactory, it was resolved to grant the requisite Certificate.

The Committee adjourned.

JOHN M. WARD, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX, NO. II.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

The Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, to whom is committed the appropriation of that part, which is disposable, beg leave to make the following report to the Convention :

That they have continued to employ the Rev. William Douglass, the Minister of St. James's Church, Piscataway in part as a Missionary to that Church, and to the Churches of Trinity, Woodbridge, and St. Thomas's, Alexandria. Mr. Douglass reports, that in the last conventional year, he officiated 12 times on Sunday afternoons at Trinity-Church, Woodbridge; the congregation of which though small, has put the building, together with the fence of the grave yard, into a state, of comfortable repair. At St. Thomas's Church Alexandria he also officiated 9 times on Sunday Mornings, and generally to large congregations; on one occasion, he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 7 individuals. A new fence has been made around the grave yard of this Church.

A Sunday School has been formed at Quakertown under the direction and management of Miss M. Opdyke, a member of the above mentioned Church.

The Board further state, that since Mr. Salmon ceased to be employed as Missionary at St. James's Knowlton, and at St. Luke's, Hope, they have not been able to engage a Missionary to succeed him. They have however, within a few months engaged a candidate for Holy Orders, to officiate as a lay reader to those churches, under the stipulation, that he will as soon as he obtains orders, (which he expects to do in a few weeks) become a missionary to those churches. Mr. Jaques, the candidate, reports, that St. Luke's Church, Hope, since the 1st of February, has regularly had his services as their lay reader, every Lord's day morning and afternoon alternately. On the first Sunday after Easter, the Rev. Clarkson Dunn preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized 1 infant.

The Sunday School was opened and reorganized on the 1st of the present month, and the system of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union more fully adopted. The Scholars are all regular in their attendance, and orderly and reverent in their behaviour, both in school and in the house where our service is performed. A Sunday School Society was formed about the same time, for the support of the school; and is intended to be auxiliary to the Diocesan Society. The ladies of the congregation have formed themselves into a society, denominated, "The Ladies association," for the purpose of raising a permanent fund for the church. The congregation have it in contemplation at no very distant day, to erect a church edifice, for their accommodation.

At St. James's Church, Knowlton, since the 1st of February, divine service has been regularly held every Sunday morning and afternoon alternately, two Sundays excepted, when he was prevented from attending by severe storms. The Rev. Mr. Dunn, on the first Sunday after Easter preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized 3 children.— A Sunday School was first opened in this church, on the 1st of this month and is supported by a Sunday School Society, lately established, which will hereafter be connected with the Diocesan Society. A greater attention is paid to the rubricks, and the responses are made more audibly than formerly.

The directors, in concluding their report, state that, the Rev. Mr. Ward and the Rev. Mr. Holmes have, in part, performed Missionary duties during the past year.

All which the Board respectfully submit.

Signed by order of the Board.

JOHN CROES, *President*.

Spotswood, May 26th, 1831.

The Missionary Fund.

1850 1850

June 1	To cash paid R. Rev. Bishop Crooks, for postage in Missionary concourse.	-	1 87
July 30	To cash paid Tertius & Loomis for printing Journal	-	65 12
Sep. 15	To cash paid Rev. J. M. Ward for Missionary services	-	30 00
" "	To do do Rev. Benjamin Holmes for do	-	5 00
Oct. 7	To do do Rev. William Douglass do	-	75 00
" "	To cash invested in a loan on note E. C.	-	200 00
Nov. 11	To cash paid Elijah Wilson, for Amwell Church fence	-	\$ 75 -
1831			
May 18	To do do Rev. M. Wm. Douglass for Missionary services, Wardsbridge	-	25 00
" "	To do do Mr. P. L. Jacques for Missionary services as Lay Reader, in the churches of Knowlton and Hope	-	25 00
May 20	To cash invested in Bond and Mortgage, No. XXXII	-	400 00
" 25	To cash paid the Vestry of St. Mark's Church, Orange, in aid of supporting a Missionary	-	50 00
" "	To do do the Vestry of St. Peter's Church, Morris-town, do	-	50 90
" "	To balance in the Treasury	-	117 82½
\$1048 661-2			
May 26	By balance in the Treasury, reported at last Convention	-	535 61
Aug. 10	By cash rec. on account of interest on Bond No. 23	-	8 00
" 23	By cash rec. one year's interest on Bond No. 19	-	21 00
Oct. 19	By cash, a donation from the Episcopal Society by Rev. Mr. Chapman	-	60 50
" 21	By cash, one year's interest on Bond No. 27	-	18 00
1831			
April 13	By cash, the Principal of Bond marked G.	-	200 00
" "	By cash, the interest due thereon, 2 years and 20 days	-	24 86
" "	By the balance of interest on Bond No. 29	-	15 00
May 15	By cash rec. one years interest on Bond marked H	-	6 00
" "	By cash rec. on note E. C. six months interest	-	24 00
" 25	By cash, one year's interest on Bond No. 23	-	
" "	By cash, it being the amount of collections and other contributions made in the several Churches in the Diocese for the Missionary Fund as reported in the Journal of the present year	-	134 68½
\$1048 661-			

STATE OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

Bond,	-	-	No. I.	-	-	250 00
Note,	-	-	No. VII.	-	-	150 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XIX.	-	-	300 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXI.	-	-	200 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXII.	-	-	150 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXIII.	-	-	400 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXV.	-	-	250 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXVI.	-	-	410 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXVII.	-	-	300 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXVIII.	-	-	260 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXIX.	-	-	150 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXX formerly F.	-	-	200 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXXI.	-	-	100 00
Bond,	-	-	D.	-	-	100 00
Bond,	-	-	H.	-	-	250 00
Bond,	-	-	No. XXXII	-	-	400 00
Note,	-	-	E. C.	-	-	200 00
Balance in the Treasury	.	.		.	.	117 92 1-2

The Episcopal Fund.

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, in account with Edward Carroll, Treasurer. Cr.

1830		1831	
June 10	To cash paid the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes by order of the Convention	170 00	
Feb. 28	To cash paid the Rt. Rev. Dr. Croes, it being the interest for one year on the late Bishop Hobart's donation	32 69	
May 22	By balance in the Treasury	92/103-4	
		\$235 385-4	

State of the Fund.

Bond No. III.	.	.	.	\$350 00
Note No. IV.	.	.	.	100 00
Bond No. V.	.	.	.	500 00
Bond No. VI.	.	.	.	250 00
Bond No. VII.	.	.	.	500 00
Bond No. VIII.	.	.	.	500 00
Note No. IX.	}			

1830		1831	
May 28	Balance in the Treasury	110/23-4	
Oct. 19	By cash rec. from the Rev. Mr. Edmon's \$8, which together with \$5 rec. in May, is the amount of the collection at the Church at Morrisown.	8 00	
	By cash rec. it being the interest of one year on the Donation of the late Bishop Hobart	32 69	
	By cash rec. it being one year's interest on Bond No. VII.	50 00	
	By cash rec. it being the amount of collections and other contributions made in the several Churches in the Diocese for the Fund	107 48	
	By cash, it being the interest of Note IV.	7 00	
		\$235 385-4	

APPENDIX, NO. IV.

THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Society,

OF THE

DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY;

Auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School
Union, as amended in the Convention of 1830.

Art. I. This Society shall consist of the Bishop, Presbyters and Deacons of the Diocese, the Lay Deputies of the Convention, for the time-being, the Superintendents and Teachers of the several Sunday-Schools, and all other members of the Branch or congregational societies hereafter mentioned.

Art. II. The society shall meet annually, at the time and place, when and where the Convention shall hold its session.— The specific time of meeting shall be at three o'clock on the first day of the session.

Art. III. The Bishop shall be ex-officio President of the Society. The members of the Standing Committee, for the time-being, shall be the Vice Presidents. A Secretary shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society. The Treasurer of the Convention shall also be the Treasurer of the Society.

Art. IV. In every congregation of the Church, in this Diocese, in which a Sunday-School now exists, or in which one or more may hereafter be formed, the Rector or Minister of said congregation, the superintendent or superintendents and teachers of the school or schools, and every other member of the congregation, of either sex, who shall annually contribute by

subscription, for the use of the school or schools, a sum not less than fifty cents, or who shall have paid to the Treasurer eight dollars in one sum—which payment shall be considered as making such person a subscriber for life—shall constitute a Branch of the Diocesan Society, to be named the Sunday-School Society of _____ Church, at _____ the Rector or Minister of which shall be ex-officio President, and may call a meeting of the Society whenever he may think it necessary.—The Society shall choose a Secretary and Treasurer. The concerns of its school or schools shall be under the direction of an executive committee, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Society, of which the Rector or Minister shall be Chairman, and the superintendent or superintendents shall be members. In cases in which a congregation may be destitute of a Rector or Minister, or should the Minister, in congregations that are supplied, at any time be absent from a meeting of the Society, or of the executive committee, the superintendent, or if there be more than one, the superintendent, senior in office, shall act as President of the Society, and Chairman of the Committee, during such vacancy or absence.

Art. V. The system of instruction in the Sunday-Schools of this Diocese, which shall become branches of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, shall be that recommended by the General Sunday-School Union. The form of prayer on opening the school, and the books to be used, shall be those which are, or shall be, set forth by that body.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Branch Society to record the proceedings of that body, and to transmit annually to the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, before the meeting of said Society, a condensed report, signed by the President, of the state of the school or schools, the number and names of the superintendents, the number of teachers, number of scholars, progress, &c. which reports shall be read before the Diocesan Society at its annual meetings.

Art. VII. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society to record its proceedings; to file the reports named in the last article, and to compile from those reports, once in every year, a Diocesan Report, which if adopted by the society, and signed by the President, he shall transmit immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of every Branch Society, to solicit and receive subscriptions to the Socie-

ty, both annual and life, and also donations; to collect, annually, the moneys due to the Society; these moneys are to be appropriated to the purchase of books and tracts for the use of the school belonging to the society, and for defraying incidental expenses. No money is, however, to be paid out of the Treasury, but by the order of the executive Committee, signed by the President.

Any Branch Society may, if it prefer it, appropriate the money arising from life subscriptions, to the formation of a fund, for the purpose of erecting at some future day, a house for the accommodation of its school.

Art. IX. The respective Branch Societies may make such by-laws for the better conducting of the business of their Institutions, as they may think necessary, provided they are not at variance with the Constitution of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, or of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union.

Art. X. Alterations or amendments of this Constitution can only be made by the concurrent vote of the Diocesan Society, and the Convention of the Diocese.

A condensed report of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society, prepared in compliance with a resolution of the Convention, found in page 23 of the Journal.

The number of schools connected with the society is five, the whole number of persons engaged in conducting them is 58, and of scholars 483. All the schools have libraries, and four of them are under the immediate superintendence of a Clergyman. The following table exhibits the names of the schools and the other particulars connected with them.

	CONDUCTORS.			
	Superin.	Teachers.		Total.
		Male.	Fema.	
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, . . .	1	2	8	11
St. John's Church, Salem, . . .	4	2	7	11
St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, . . .	ector.	2	8	11
Christ-Church, Newton, . . .	ector.			7
St. Mark's Church, Orange, . . .	Rector.	7	10	18

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	SCHOLARS.			LIBRARIES
	Male.	Fema.	Total.	No. of vols.
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, . . .	38	40	78	107
St. John's Church, Salem, . . .			60	not report.
St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, . . .	44	25	69	80
Christ-Church, Newton, . . .			70	40
St. Mark's Church, Orange, . . .	101	107	208	161

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The smallness of the number of schools connected with the Society cannot but be regretted by its friends and those of the General Union. It is presumed that it is occasioned by erroneous impressions respecting the terms on which schools are admitted into union with it. In the Constitution, article 8 published in the Journals of 1829, page 30, a yearly sum was required of Branch Societies. It is supposed that some do not know that this article was altered the following year, in such a manner (see Journal for 1830, page 17) as to dispense with all pecuniary contributions to the Diocesan Society. It is stated, moreover, for the information of those who are unacquainted with the rules of the Society that the reports of the Branch Societies should be sent at least *one month before the meeting of the Convention* to the Secretary, the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Orange, Essex County, N. J. As much of the utility of the institution depends upon the attention with which this rule is regarded by the Secretaries of the Branch Societies, it is to be hoped that it will be observed with that promptitude which its importance demands.

APPENDIX, NO. V.



The Constitution of the Episcopal Society of New-Jersey, for the promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety: established on the 12th day of October, 1810.

I. This Society shall consist of such persons as contribute, in the manner hereafter mentioned, to a fund for purchasing and gratuitously disseminating among the poor, the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and, if deemed expedient, religious Tracts:—also, should the funds of the Society admit of it, for aiding young men of piety and talents, who may need assistance, in the necessary preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and if in any year the interest of the permanent fund may not be wanted for either of the above purposes, the Board of directors hereafter named may at their discretion appropriate it in aid of the Missionary fund.

II. The contributions may be either in one payment, or in successive annual payments. A payment of Ten Dollars at the time of subscribing this Constitution, shall make the subscriber a member for life. The payment of one or more dollars at the time of subscribing: and of one or more dollars annually, shall make such contributor also a member.

III. One half of all the moneys received, either at the time the subscriptions are made, or in any successive period, shall constitute a permanent fund;* the interest of which, with the other half, shall be appropriated to the objects of the institution: and whenever, in the opinion of the majority of the members, the annual proceeds of the permanent fund, shall be sufficient to answer the benevolent purposes of the Society, the annual payments may be reduced, or totally discontinued.

IV. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of those clergymen, who may become members, and of an equal number of laymen, to be annually elected by the members of the Society, who may be present, on the second day of the meeting of each annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New-Jersey, at the place in which such Convention assembles.—Five of which directors shall constitute a quorum. The Directors, as soon as may be, after the annual meeting, shall assemble and choose from their number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. They shall make by-laws for the government of the Society, and lay before the members, at each annual meeting the minutes of their proceedings.

V. This Constitution shall remain unalterable, unless two thirds of the board of directors decide by their vote, that alterations are necessary; and unless the proposed alterations be confirmed by two thirds of the members of the Society, who shall be present at the succeeding annual meeting.

We the subscribers to this Constitution, promise to pay to the Treasurer of the board of directors of the Episcopal Society of New-Jersey for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety, or to such persons as the board may appoint, the sums annexed to our respective names.

* The permanent fund now amounts to more, than 1,400 dollars.

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CLERGY.

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The Rev. John Croes, Jun. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church New-Brunswick.

The Rev. George Y. Morehouse, Rector of St. Andrew's Church Mount Holy.

The Rev. Clarkson Dunn, Rector of Christ-Church Newton.

The Rev. Edmund D. Barry, D. D. Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. William Douglass, Minister of St. James's Church, Piscataway, and Trinity-Church, Woodbridge.

The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabeth-Town.

The Rev. Harry Finch, Rector of Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

The Rev. Hewlett R. Peters, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev. Matthew H. Henderson, Minister of Trinity Church, Newark.

The Rev. Matthew Matthews.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Dr. John F. Ellis and Mr. Joshua Gilbert, from St. Matthew's Church Jersey City.

Mark W. Collet Esq. from St. Paul's Church, at Paterson.

Messrs. Thomas Whitlock and Joel W. Condit, from Trinity-Church, Newark.

William Chetwood, A. Morse, J. J. Chetwood and Benjamin Williamson Esqs. from St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

William T. Anderson Esq. from Christ-Church, Newton.

Edward H. Swayze and Dr. Thomas H. Darling, from St. Luke's Church, Hope.

Henry A. Ford, Jacob W. Miller, John R. Brown, Isaac W. Canfield, Jacob Wilson, Timothy S. Johnes, Dayton I. Canfield, Jacob M. King and Benjamin Douglass Esqs. from St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

Messrs. Caleb Harrison, Samuel Williams and Amos A. Harrison, from St. Mark's Church, Orange.

Dr. Edward Carroll, and William H. Lupp and Franklin Smith Esqs. from Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

Messrs. Joseph Voorhees and Jacob White, from Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

George Woodruff and William Halsted Esqs. from St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

John H. Carr and Peter Guerard Esqs. from St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

Dr. Zechariah Reed and Mr. Peter V. Coppuck, from St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

Mr. Samuel Rudderow, from St. Mary's Church, Colestown.

Josiah Harrison Esq. from St. Paul's Church, Camden.

Thomas P. Carpenter Esq. from St. Peter's Church, Berkeley.

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Morristown, May 30th, 1832.

This being the time and place appointed in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of New-Jersey, for the meeting of the Convention of said Church, several clergymen and lay deputies assembled in St. Peter's Church at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning service was read by the Rev. Harry Finch, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Beasley.

After the conclusion of these religious exercises, the Rev. Dr. Beasley, who by the sixth article of the constitution, was authorised to act as President in the absence of the Bishop, took the chair, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Finch and Dr. E. Carroll a committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of churches represented.

The committee reported, that deputies were present from fifteen churches.

The Clergymen present, were the

Rev. Frederick Beasley D. D.	Rev. William Douglass,
— John Croes, Jun.	— Birdsey G. Noble,
— George Y. Morehouse,	— Harry Finch,
— Clarkson Dunn,	— Hewlett R. Peters,
— John M. Ward,	— Matthew H. Henderson,
— Benjamin Holmes,	— Matthew Matthews.

The Lay Deputies, were,

Dr. John F. Ellis,	Mark W. Collet,
Joshua Gilbert,	Thomas Whitlock,
Joel W. Condit,	Jacob W. Miller,
William Chetwood,	John R. Brown,
A. Morse,	Isaac W. Canfield,
J. J. Chetwood,	Jacob Wilson,
Benjamin Williamson,	Timothy S. Johnes,
William T. Anderson,	Jacob M. King,
Edward A. Swayze,	Benjamin Douglass,
Dr. Thomas H. Darling,	John H. Carr,
Henry A. Ford,	Peter Guerard,
Dr. Edward Carroll,	Dr. Zechariah Reed,
Franklin Smith.	Peter V. Coppuck,

**Joseph Voorhees,
Jacob White,
George Woodruff,
William Halsted,**

**Samuel Rudderow,
Josiah Harrison,
Thomas P. Carpenter.**

The number of churches represented, being more than sufficient to constitute a quorum, the members were called to order by the President, and proceeded to business.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. John Croes, Jr. was duly elected to that office.

The Convention then adjourned to half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon, half past 3 o'clock.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

William H. Lupp, Esq. a Lay delegate from Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, appeared and took his seat.

Messrs. Caleb Harrison, Samuel Williams, and Amos A. Harrison, deputies from St. Mark's Church, Orange, appeared and took their seats.

It was then on motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare rules of order for the government of this Convention.

The following gentlemen were appointed on that committee. Rev. Mr. Dunn, Rev. Mr. Ward, M. W. Collet and J. J. Chetwood.

The following letter from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Croes, Bishop of the Diocese, was then read by the Secretary.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of New-Jersey, now assembled at Morristown.

MY BRETHREN,

Being prevented, by the painful disorder with which my heavenly Father has visited me, from meeting you, in this our annual ecclesiastical Council, and delivering to you the address, required by one of the canons of the Church; I shall communicate to you, in the form of a letter, that information, which, had my health been sufficient, I should have been gratified to have done in the midst of you, as I have never failed doing for the last sixteen years.

The first Episcopal duty, which I performed after the sitting of the Convention at Spotswood, in May last; was a visitation I made to St. Peter's Church, of the same place, on Sunday the 12th of June, 1831, when I officiated.

On Sunday the 19th of the same month, I visited St. John's Church, at Elizabethtown, preached, and administered the holy rite of confirmation to eighteen persons.

On Saturday the 26th day of June, I visited St. Matthew's Church, Jersey city, and, on Sunday, the 27th, I preached, and administered the holy rite of confirmation to twenty-five persons.

On Tuesday, the 28th of June, I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of our Church, in New-York. On the two succeeding days, I attended, in my capacity as a visitor, the examinations of the students of the Institution; and on Friday, the 1st of July, I attended the commencement of the Senior class, at St. John's Church, in that city.

On Saturday, the 2d of July, I visited St. Mark's Church, at Orange, and, on Sunday the 3d, I held a confirmation in that Church, at which I administered that rite to nineteen persons.

On the succeeding Monday, July 4th, I instituted the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, into the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Orange. The Rev. Dr. Barry, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-city, performed divine service and preached on the occasion.

On Sunday, July the 24th, I made a visit to St. Peter's Church, at Perth Amboy, administered the sacrament of baptism, and preached.

On Sunday, the 11th of September following, I also visited St. James's Church, at Piscataway, performed divine service, and preached.

On the same week, I visited Trinity-Church, at Newark; and, on Tuesday, the 13th day of September, administered

confirmation to fifteen persons. I also performed the office of baptism.

On Tuesday, the 20th day of September, I attended at Elizabethtown, as its President, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the "Episcopal Society of New-Jersey, for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety." This Society was instituted at New-Brunswick, in the year 1810, by a few clergymen, chiefly in this part of the Diocese; and has been instrumental in gratuitously distributing many copies of the holy scriptures, some thousands of the Book of Common Prayer, and a vast number of religious Tracts; besides aiding the missionary fund of the Church in the Diocese, by the donation of several hundred dollars. A sermon was preached on the occasion, by the Rev. James Chapman, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth-Amboy, and a collection made of ten dollars four cents, for the funds of the Society.

On Wednesday, the 28th of December succeeding, I held, by Divine permission, an ordination in Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, on which occasion, I admitted the Rev. Hewlett R. Peters, a Deacon of this Diocese, to the holy order of Priesthood; and Edward E. Ford to that of Deacons. The Rev. John Croes, Jr. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, the Rev. John M. Ward, Rector of St Peter's Church, Spotswood, and the Rev. Benjamin Holmes, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange, being present and assisting. Mr. Ward preached on the occasion.

The following changes have taken place, in the course of our last Conventional year, with respect to the admission of ministers into, and removal from the Diocese.

The Rev. James C. Ward (a coloured man) a Deacon in the Diocese, having made application to me for a letter dimissory to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Stone, Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, it was granted to him and of course he no longer belongs to this Diocese.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, a Deacon of the Diocese, lately officiating at St. Paul's Church, Paterson, has asked for and obtained, a letter dimissory to the Rt. Rev. Dr. White of Pennsylvania, and has therefore left this Diocese.

The Rev. Charles Henry Alden, a Presbyterian, sometime Principal of a Seminary at Princeton, has applied for, and obtained the certificate, necessary in cases of minister's removal from one Diocese to another, and left this 1st inst. for that of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Edward E. Ford, lately admitted to Deacon's Orders, has on application, obtained a letter dimissory to the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, and also provisional Bishop of that of Georgia, and has left this for Augusta, in the latter Diocese.

The Rev. Ralph Williston, late a Presbyterian of the Diocese of New-York, having produced to me from the Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D. Bishop of that Diocese, the certificate necessary in cases of the removal of ministers from one Diocese to another; has been admitted a presbyter into this Diocese, and is now officiating at Paterson.

The number of persons confirmed in the Diocese, since the last Convention, has been seventy-seven.

Only two ordinations have taken place, viz. those already mentioned, that of the Rev. Mr. Peters, and that of the Rev. Mr. Ford.

There have been two institutions; Mr. Holmes to the Rectorship of St. Mark's Orange; and Mr. Peters to the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Morristown; the latter one was performed by Mr. Holmes, in the absence of the Bishop.

There is but one candidate for orders in the Diocese. Reuben H. Freeman who had been a candidate, lately received a letter dimissory to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New-York.

But though my brethren, through the divine goodness, I have been enabled, since the last Convention assembled, to perform that part of my duty, which I have detailed to you; yet from

the increasing infirmities peculiar to three score years and ten, to which age I shall have arrived, if God shall permit me to live two days longer ; added to the enfeebling and painful diseases, with which he has been pleased that I should be visited ; I cannot entertain the hope (even if I should live, which is very doubtful) that I shall be able to do as much as I have done the past year, if indeed, I were to attend to any duties, especially such as will require a ~~short~~ ^{constant} absence from home.

Under all these circumstances, and taking into consideration the probable injury the Diocese may suffer from the want of an efficient Episcopal Head : I am strongly induced to recommend to you to take measures to elect some suitable Presbyter of the Church, as an assistant Bishop, to perform those duties, which I shall in all probability not be able to discharge.

I am well aware of the obstacles, that present themselves to this measure, especially that, of the want of sufficient funds ; as during the short time I may be permitted to live, the withdrawing of, or even diminishing the small stipend, which has been steadily contributed by the Church in the Diocese, in aid of my support ; would reduce my means of living much below what would be necessary for that purpose ; especially as I have already voluntarily relinquished \$300 a year, of the salary I received as Rector of Christ-Church, in New-Brunswick (when the whole salary I previously received was but 500 dollars) rather than suffer that church to be shut up, and the congregation deprived of the services of the sanctuary. But, as in all probability the obstacle, I speak of, will be of short duration, less than a year perhaps, it is to be hoped, that some means may be devised to obviate it, in the interim. At any rate, I am assured, my brethren, that your sense of equity and propriety, will not permit you to adopt any measure, which may lessen my means of support or comfort, during the short period, I yet may live.

In the consideration of the question, which I have placed before you, may you be so influenced by Divine grace, both as to

the expediency of the measure, and, if you determine upon it, the fitness of the person, that it will eventuate in the peace and prosperity of the church, and the glory of God. This shall be my constant prayer; and, I hope, the prayer of all concerned.

I am my dear brethren, with great regard and respect
(commending you to the grace of God) your affectionate
Diocesan and Brother in Christ.

JOHN CROES.

New-Brunswick, May, 1832.



The Rev. Benjamin Holmes then offered the following resolution which was seconded.

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's letter as relates to an Assistant Bishop, be referred to a committee of three persons of each order, to be chosen by the house.

This resolution was on motion, laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The committee appointed to frame rules of order, reported the following which were adopted.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Divine service shall be performed, on every morning, during the session of the Convention.
2. When the President assumes the chair, each member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning and if necessary be corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.
5. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and on any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.
6. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.

7. A motion of postponement or amendment, shall always be in order, and considered as the previous question.

8. On motion to adjourn, the question shall be put without debate.

9. No member shall speak oftener than thrice on the same question, without leave of the President.

10. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole, and shall take a vote for that purpose.

11. In the election of delegates to the General Convention, each order shall choose its own representatives, to be approved of by the other order.

12. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.

13 The doors of the Convention shall be open, for the admission of such persons as may wish to know their proceedings.

14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission, under the penalty of censure, to be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

15. Two thirds of each order may expel a member for impropriety of conduct, during the sitting of the Convention.

16. All elections shall be by ballot, and where the lay-members vote by congregations, it shall also be by ballot.

17. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce* unless required to be decided by ballot by at least two members of the Convention.

The Clergy being then called on for their parochial reports, the following were presented.

Christ-Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, JR. Assistant Minister.

Families belonging to the Church about 60,—*Communicants* (15 added, 3 removed, 4 deceased) 60—*Baptisms*, (4 adults, 16 children) 20—*Marriages*, 8—*Funerals* (5 of the congregation, 5 of others) 10—*Sunday-School Scholars*, 65.

The children of the congregation have been examined in the catechism, and the young people have been regularly exercised on portions of the scriptures by the Assistant Minister, with a view to their improvement in religious knowledge, and the practice of piety.

Within the past year, the congregation have under the Divine blessing erected a neat and commodious building of 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, for the use of their Sunday-School. This was effected at the cost of about three hundred and fifty dollars, principally by the zeal and indefatigable industry of the ladies, aided by the subscriptions of other members of the congregation.

St. Paul's Church, at Paterson.

The Rev. RALPH WILLISTON, Minister—

Reports that from the short time he has been officiating in St. Paul's Church, Paterson, he has been unable to ascertain the number of *communicants* or the number of *families* belonging to the congregation. He administered the holy communion on Easter-Sunday to about fifteen communicants, and has baptised seven children. He has re-organised the Sunday-School and measures are being taken to increase the number of scholars. He has instituted a Bible class, together with a Biblical lecture for Sunday evenings, from all which, he anticipates the most favourable results. He is happy to report that the Female Association, as is usual with similar Female Societies, continues unremitting in its zeal to advance the interest of our Church. On the whole, from the friendly manner in which he has been received, the increasing number of hearers, the applications for pews and seats, the attention and interest taken in the services of the House of God and the pious demeanour of the congregation when assembled, he cannot but hope that the Divine Head of the Church will be most graciously pleased to increase the number of communicants in this portion of our Zion.

St. Matthew's Church, Jersey-City.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D. Rector.

Communicants (5 added, 5 removed) 25—*Baptisms*, 9—*Funerals*, 6—*Marriages*, 7—*Confirmed*, 25.

The prospects of our Church in Jersey-City continue encouraging. We are gradually making accessions to our congregation. Led by the spirit of God, may we also advance day by day in vital piety, in true and unaffected godliness.

The Ladies' Society attached to this church continue their laudable exertions. They have contributed essentially by their

persevering industry, to the increase of our fund for building a new house for public worship.

Some untoward circumstances have necessarily retarded the erection of this edifice, but we indulge the confident expectation, that the end of this summer, will find us far advanced in our undertaking.

Trinity-Church, Newark.

'The Rev. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, Minister.

Communicants (27 added—1 removed—1 deceased—1 left the communion of the Church,) 71—*Confirmed* by Bishop Croes 15—*Marriages*, 8—*Baptisms*, (21 children, 4 adults) 25—*Funerals*, (8 of the congregation) 16.

The Sunday-School continues to flourish—numbering 28 teachers and 145 attending scholars.

The books of the library connected with it, have been extensively circulated and we doubt not, productive of beneficial influence. A quarterly meeting has been instituted for the teachers, at which they present written reports of the state of their respective classes, and other circumstances of an interesting and important nature. These reports are read by the pastor and such remarks made, as the occasion may require.

During the past year, the ladies of the congregation have contributed about \$200 towards missionary purposes, including the amount remitted to the Missionary Society of the state: besides \$100, the proceeds of a sale which was devoted to the discharge of a debt contracted for church furniture.

In the severity of the past winter, they also formed a Society for the relief of the suffering poor, and expended in this way about \$40.

An unusual degree of attention to spiritual matters has recently pervaded the congregation. The fruits of this revival of religious sensibility, are apparent in the fact of the additional number of communicants, and also in the increased solemnity and attendance manifested at our lately numerous services.

May the Divine blessing continue to descend upon us, "as the dew of Horeb and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion."

Christ-Church, Newton.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector.

Families, about 50—*Communicants* (4 added) 29—*Baptisms* (5 adults, 4 children) 9—*Marriages*, 6—*Funerals*, part of the congregation, 12.

St. Peter's Church, Morristown.

The Rev HEWLETT R. PETERS, Rector.

Funerals, 5—*Marriages*, 1—*Baptisms*, 4.

I would mention the bequest of five hundred dollars to the Church, by the late Miss Doty; and that the ladies of the congregation have contributed to the funds during the past year, the sum of three hundred dollars.

St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector.

Families and Individuals holding pews 56—*Individuals*, about 200—*Communicants* (13 added, 2 removed) 46—*Baptisms* (3 adults) 12—*Marriages*, 5—*Funerals*, 5—*Persons confirmed*, 19—*Attendants on a Bible class*, between 20 and 30.

The tower of the church has been raised 35 feet and a bell weighing 470 pounds placed therein. A subscription for a library, for the use of the congregation has been commenced. A considerable sum has been subscribed and some books have been purchased.

In the zeal manifested in particulars connected with the temporal welfare of the church, in the zealous use of means to promote the diffusion of Christian knowledge and piety, and in the regular and devout attendance upon public worship, the Rector finds reason to praise Him from whom all good things do come, and to hope for an increasing attachment to the Church, the ordinances and the cause, for which the Redeemer shed his blood.

St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE, Rector.

Families, 85—*Communicants*, (removed 4, died 7, added 8,) 83 *Baptisms*, 18—*Marriages*, 3—*Funerals*, 17.

This Parish has suffered severely since the last Convention,

by the removal and death of valuable members; but through the divine goodness, it has been less depressed than was anticipated. Indeed it has been greatly blessed in the preservation of a spirit of steadfast zeal and exertion. The church continues to be well attended, and in general, the members of the congregation appear to be deeply interested in our religious services.

The *Sunday-School Society* which has been united with the Diocesan Society, continues its successful operations. The number of scholars has not been materially altered. Since the last report many valuable additions have been made to the library. The Missionary Society during the last year, contributed about sixty dollars to the *Green Bay Mission*, and its managers have a considerable sum reserved for future appropriation.

The Ladies' Association continues its exertions with commendable zeal and success. Its funds are variously appropriated. The avails of the present year, about \$75—are to be applied to the repair, painting &c. of the church.

In the retrospect of the past year, which has seemed so calamitous, there is reason to bless God for his sustaining care, in having mercifully overruled the causes of depression, by awakening greater confidence in the divine power and goodness and exciting to zealous and energetic actions.

St. James's Church, Knowlton.

PETER L. JAQUES, Lay Reader.

Families and contributors about 70—*Communicants* (1 deceased, 4 added) 17—*Funerals*, 15—*Sunday School Scholars*, 31.

St. Luke's Church, Hope.

PETER L. JAQUES, Lay Reader.

Families and contributors about 30—*Communicants* (4 added,) 16—*Marriages*, 2—*Funerals* 2.

St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families about 40—*Communicants*, (6 added, 7 removed and deceased) 37—*Baptisms* of children, 13—*Funerals*, (of the congregation 8, of others 7,) 15—*Marriages*, 10—*Sunday-School Teachers*, 8, *Scholars* about 80.

St. Peter's Church, Spotswood.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector.

Families about 48—*Communicants* (1 added, 2 deceased) 31—*Baptisms*, infant 5—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals* (6 of the congregation, 2 of others) 8.

The Sunday-School continues to prosper and much credit is due to the teachers for the interest they have taken in its prosperity.

The Bible Class comprises about the same number of members as reported last year. They recite once a fortnight, on Monday evening when the Rector performs the evening service of the church, and after the recitation, delivers an address upon the subject of the lesson.

Christ-Church, Shrewsbury.

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector.

Families 3 added, 1 removed, present number 63—*Communicants*, 3 added, 6 removed, 2 died, present number 69—*Baptisms*, 6 infants, 1 adult, whole number 7—*Funerals*, 11, one of which, the remains were brought from New-York.

Christ-Church, Middletown.

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector.

Families, 1 removed, present number 7—*Communicants*, 1 removed, 1 died, present number 8—*Marriages*, 3—*Funerals*, 2.

St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY, D. D. Rector.

Since the last meeting of Convention, the Rector of this church has attended 8 *marriages* and 5 *funerals*, and *baptized* six children. He has preached at Allentown *one* of our vacant congregations, and had made an arrangement to supply a *second* during the year, but his labours were superseded by the appointment of a clergyman. He has the satisfaction to state, that his congregation has during the past year, fulfilled his most sanguine expectations, is their increased attention to public worship, to the duties of the altar and in the augmentation of their number.

St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D. Rector.

Communicants about 60—*Baptisms*, 26—*Marriages* 1—*Funerals*, 6. The congregation we trust is by the divine blessing increasing zealous, and punctual, in its attendance upon public worship. The Sunday-School consists of about 100 children and is taught by zealous and pious young men and ladies belonging to the congregation. Money is collected occasionally to purchase proper books for its library and to aid this important end, a little collection has just been made of \$7 50 and sent on to the treasurer of the Sunday-School Union in New-York.

St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector.

Families, about 60—*Communicants* (6 added, 1 removed,) 34—*Marriages*, 4—*Funerals*, 8.

The Bible Class, which meets every friday evening has been continued with great advantage; the Sunday-School is in a very flourishing condition; and the ladies of the congregation associated for Missionary purposes, persevere in their efforts to increase the fund.

St. Paul's Church. Camden, vacant.

Reported by, Richard W. Howell, a Vestryman.

It is gratifying to be able not to discover among us, any evidence of a diminution of interest in the prosperity of this church.

The congregation is still favoured by the authorities of this city, with the use of their hall; in which during the last conventional year [a few months, chiefly in the winter, excepted] divine service has been regularly performed.

Some discouragement has been felt by us from a recent ineffectual effort to secure for our church the services of a resident pastor. We are still desirous of accomplishing this object.

This report cannot be concluded without a public acknowledgment of the obligations we feel under, to the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Drs. Delancy, Meade and Kemper and the Rev. Messrs. Wiltbank, Allen, Dupuy, Van Pelt, Davis, Connelly, Henderson, and Hutchings,

for the important services rendered us by them during the past year.

St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, vacant.

Reported by Thomas P. Carpenter.

Families about 40—*Communicants*, 20—*Baptisms* 8, adults 3, by the Rev. N. Nash, minister of Trinity-Church, Swedesborough. *Funerals* 10, 3 of which were of the congregation. *Sunday-School Scholars* about 30.

St. John's Church, Salem.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector.

Another annual report from this parish records no extraordinary vicissitudes either prosperous or adverse. A want of zeal which I have not been able in any satisfactory degree to awaken, and too much disregard in the male part of the congregation to the sacramental ordinances, are yet to be deplored. But the frequent and I hope judicious reiteration of the leading doctrines of the church, from the fire side as well as from the pulpit, have not been wholly ineffectual. The preference for our Church which was in many that of accident, has become that of judgment, and it is natural for me to think that they who have turned to the Church, may by an easy stage, soon turn to the Lord.

The Sunday-School as will appear by the accompanying report is still prosperous, of which it may be received as a pleasing evidence, that three of its teachers have recently within the year, become communicants.

The Bible Class is still continued. During the past year, they have been engaged on portions of my Ecclesiastical History, but principally upon a series of questions, prepared for them according to Archbishop Newcome's harmony.

Families (2 removed and 3 added) 35—*Communicants* (1 removed and 8 added) 12—*Baptisms* (1 infant and 3 adults) 4 *Funerals*, 1.

St. George's Church, Penns Neck.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON. Minister.

Families, 30—*Communicants*, 13—*Baptisms* (3 children and 2 adults) 5—*Marriage* 1—*Funerals*, 2.

The condition of this parish is much the same as during the former year, except that a Sunday-School has been formed consisting of 40 scholars, 4 male and 4 female teachers.

The Treasurer Dr. E. Carroll, presented his accounts which were referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Noble and William Chetwood Esq.

The report of the committee, appointed by the Bishop, to examine the bonds and mortgages in the hands of the Treasurer, was also laid before the Convention.

Resolved, that the committee appointed at the last Convention to consider the question whether Trinity-Church, Newark and Christ-Chapel, Bellville, be represented in this Convention, as separate churches and whether Christ-Church, Shrewsbury and Christ-Church, Middletown, be entitled to the same privilege, be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to procure a complete set of the Journals of this Convention, to be preserved for the use of the Convention. The Rev. Mr. Finch, Mark W. Collet and William H. Lupp, Esqs. were appointed the Committee.

Mr. Collet offered the following alterations of the Constitution, for consideration.

X. At every annual Convention, a standing committee consisting of four members of each order shall be chosen by ballot; each order choosing its own representatives, subject to the approval of the other order.

XI. At every annual Convention, four clerical and four lay delegates shall be elected by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention, each order choosing its own representatives, subject to the approval of the other order."

Articles X, XI, XII and XIII to be numbered XII, XIII, XIV, XV and XVI respectively."

On motion, the clergy were then called on for their reports of missionary services.

The Rev. Mr. Henderson reported, that he had officiated twice on one Sunday in St. Paul's Church at Paterson, and baptized two children.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn reported, that he had officiated since last Convention, twice on Sundays in St. James's Church Knowlton, and each time administered the holy communion,

Thursday morning May 31, 1

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Morning service was read by the Rev. Mr. Peters.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion, relative to the appointment of a committee on the Bishop's letter, which had yesterday been laid on the table.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had performed that duty and found them correct.

A committee was then appointed, consisting of the Rev. Bishop Croes and Mark W. Collet Esq. to inquire into the propriety of paying Lay Readers out of the Missionary fund.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved, that the interest of the Episcopal fund and all collections for the same, be appropriated to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes, during his life.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Noble, a committee was appointed to address a respectful letter, to Bishop Croes on behalf of the Convention, "expressive of their grateful estimation of his labors and faithful services, their affectionate sympathy in his sufferings, and their hope that he may be sustained under the divine blessing." Resolved also, that the President of the Convention, the Rev. Dr. Beasley, be one of this committee. The other members appointed, were the Rev. Mr. Noble, Woodruff and Major Anderson.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Of the Clergy were chosen

Rev. John Croes, Jun.
 — James Chapman,
 — John M. Ward,
 — Benjamin Holmes.

Of the Laity were chosen,

James Parker, Esq.
 Joseph Marsh, Esq.
 Dr. Edward Carroll,
 William H. Lupp, Esq.

The Convention next proceeded to the choice of delegates to the General Convention.

Of the clergy were chosen,

Rev. Dr. Wharton,
 — John Croes Jun.
 — Dr. Beasley,
 — Mr. Dunn.

Of the Laity were chosen,

Charles C. Stratton, Esq.
 Mark W. Collet, Esq.
 William Halsted, Esq.
 William Chetwood, Esq.

Dr Edward Carroll having by permission, resigned his office of Treasurer of Convention, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of this Convention be given to Dr. Carroll for the services he has for several years, rendered to this Convention as Treasurer.

The Convention then on motion, went into the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary for the three succeeding years.

The persons chosen were, the Rev. Dr. Beasley, the Rev. John Croes Jr. Dr. E. Carroll and George Woodruff Esq.

The attention of the Convention was now called to that part of the Bishop's letter which relates to the subject of an assistant Bishop, by several motions and amendments, which were ultimately withdrawn. The debate on these motions and amendments having continued till the hour of dinner, the convention adjourned to 3 o'clock.

*Thursday afternoon 3 o'clock.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Collet offered for consideration, the following amendment to the 8th article of the Constitution.

"A Treasurer shall also be appointed who shall continue in office, during the pleasure of the Convention. He shall give such security as may be satisfactory to the Standing Committee, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office &c. &c."

William H. Lupp Esq. was then unanimously chosen Treasurer of the Convention.

The subject of an Assistant Bishop was then resumed, when after considerable discussion, William Halsted Esq. offered the following resolution, which was seconded.

Resolved, that it is expedient at this time, to go into the election of an assistant Bishop.

On counting the votes, there appeared in favour of the motion, 2 of the Clergy and 8 congregations, against the motion, 9 of the Clergy and 6 congregations. The delegation of one congregation reported themselves as divided.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Swayze asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, it was resolved that when this Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at Morristown on Thursday the 2d day of August next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Rev. Dr. Burry and Mr. Gilbert asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Resolved, that a condensed report of the Sunday-School Society, be appended to the Journal.

Resolved, that a list of the members of the "Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen" and a statement of the funds of said Corporation, be appended to the Journal of this Convention.

Resolved, that the directors of the Missionary Fund, be permitted to enter on the Journal, their usual annual report, which at present, they are not ready to offer to this Convention.

The committee appointed to prepare on behalf of this Convention, a letter to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, reported the following.

RT. REV. FATHER IN GOD,

With the greatest sensibility we have received your communication, informing us of the declining state of your health, and recommending us to take measures for appointing an Assistant Bishop, to relieve you from the future discharge of the Episcopal functions in the Diocese. We can assure you, that your allusion to the proud & speedy termination of your earthly labours, has sunk deeply into our hearts, and awakened our tenderest sympathies. The prospect of soon parting from a friend, who has long enjoyed our confidence and esteem, would, under any circumstances, be highly interesting and afflictive. But the pain occasioned by the anticipation of such bereavement is

greatly augmented, when we reflect, that in that friend we behold a spiritual Father, to whose counsels and admonitions we have long listened, to direct us in the paths of wisdom and secure our everlasting salvation. The only consolation which remains to us, is the firm, and we trust, well grounded conviction, that our loss will be your exceeding gain, and that having faithfully performed your duties to God and man, in this world, you will terminate your course with Christian resignation and receive from the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, that crown of life, which is provided for the victors in this heavenly race.

You will find by the minutes of our Convention, Rt. Rev. Father, that we have, in all respects, complied with your parting wishes and recommendations, as far as we are able to ascertain them, both in making provision for your temporal wants, and relieving your solicitude about the future discharge of the Episcopal duties in this Diocese. We trust, that that great Being, who, with unceasing vigilance, superintends the affairs of his Church, will communicate to us his heavenly wisdom, and animate us by his peaceful influence, in selecting an Assistant for you, and providing a successor under whose services the Church shall become prosperous and happy, harmony and love be promoted among all Christian people, many be turned to righteousness, and the spirit of ardent piety, sound morality, and undefiled religion, be awakened and prevail. Most devoutly wishing you, beloved Head of the Diocese, a restoration to health and strength, should this be the will of the great Disposer of events, and Lord of the vineyard; or a peaceful and triumphant entrance into those mansions of our Father's house, in which, we trust in God, we shall again meet you without fear of separation, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY,
Rev. B. G. NOBLE,
E. WOODRUFF,
WILLIAM T. ANDERSON,

To the Right Rev. JOHN CROES, D. D. Bishop
of the Episcopal Church in New-Jersey

APPENDIX, NO. III.



A condensed report of the Diocesan Sunday-School Society.

	Where taug . Room Church	No. Scholars		Average. Attend:
		Male.	Femal.	
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick,		32	33	no report
St. Mark's Church, Orange, .		28	38	35
Christ-Church, Newton, .	do	32	36	no report
St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, .	do	27	26	do
St. John's Church, Salem, .	do	58	88	do
St. James's Church, Knowlton, .	do	10	21	do
St. Luke's Church, Hope, .		10	20	do
		197	261	
Coloured Children			23	

		Instructors.		Library.
		Super.	Teach.	
Christ-Church, New-Brunswick, .		1	10	135 vol.
St. Mark's Church, Orange, .		1	22	160
Christ-Church, Newton, .		Rector	7	77
St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, .		1	15	200
St. John's Church, Salem, .		1	9	140
St. James's Church, Knowlton, .		1	7	
St. Luke's Church, Hope, .		1	7	
		7	77	702

It is deeply regretted by this society, that in presenting this report, it cannot either number more Branch Societies among its auxiliaries, or give that fulness of information which it is desirable it should convey to the General institution.

APPENDIX, NO. IV.



List of members of the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New-Jersey."

Rt. Rev. John Croes, D. D.
 Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.
 — James Chapman,
 — John C. Rudd, D. D.

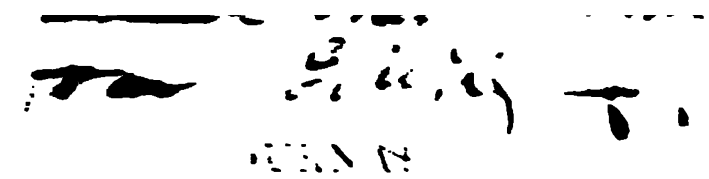
Rev. John Croes, Jr.
 — Simon Wilmer,
 — Clarkson Dunn,
 — George Y. Morehouse,
 — Benjamin Holmes,
 — John M. Ward,
 — Harry Finch,
 — Birdsey G. Noble,
 — Frederick Beasley, D. D.
 — Henry M. Mason,
 — Hewlett R. Peters,
 — William Douglass,
 — Matthew H. Henderson.

James Parker,	William Halsted,
John Stevens,	Thomas Gordon,
James Throckmorton,	Edward H. Swayze,
Matthias Williamson,	Anthony Morse,
Andrew Bell,	William Whitehead,
Samuel J. Read,	John Mershon,
Jacob Van Wicklo,	William Lupp,
William T. Anderson,	Zachariah Russell,
Samuel Pintard,	Dr. Thomas Rowan,
Thomas Thompson,	Thomas Sinnickson,
Josiah Harrison,	William Chetwood,
Joseph Voorhees,	Philemon Dickerson,
Isaac H. Williamson,	Andrew Parsons,
Joseph Marsh,	Mark W. Collet,
John L. Stratton,	Elias B. D. Ogden,
Daniel Snowhill,	Daniel Holsman,
Matthias D. Dehart,	Thomas Saltar,
Matthias Ogden,	Dayton I. Canfield,
John Rutherford,	Benjamin Williams,
Thomas Thompson,	William H. Lupp,
Charles C. Stratton,	Henry A. Ford,
Gabriel West,	John H. Carr,
Samuel Holmes, Jr.	John Boiken,
Amos Pettit,	Richard R. Morris,
Daniel Garrison,	Charles Reeves,
William N. Jeffers,	Jesse Avis,
Charles Higbee,	John Harrison,
Dr. Gideon Leeds,	Amos Williams,
Dr. Plunket F. Glentworth,	Alexander H. Smith,
Dr. Edward Carroll,	Jeremiah H. Sloan.

Statement of the Funds of the "Corporation for the relief of
Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen of the Episcopal
Church in New-Jersey." May 30, 1832.

	Principal.
Bond, No. 1, - - - - -	\$200 00
Bond, No. 2, - - - - -	1350 00
Bond, No. 3, - - - - -	2000 00
Bond, No. 4, - - - - -	150 00
Bond, No. 5 - - - - -	100 00
Bond, No. 6 - - - - -	125 00
Bond, No. 7 - - - - -	500 00
Bond, No. 8 - - - - -	1500 00
Bond, No. 9 - - - - -	1000 00
Bond, No. 10 - - - - -	775 87
Bond, No. 11 - - - - -	300 00
Bond, No. 12 - - - - -	200 00
Bond, No. 13 - - - - -	250 00
Bond, No. 14 - - - - -	500 00
32 Bank Shares, No. 15, worth now -	448 00
Bond, No. 17 - - - - -	100 00
Bond, No. 18 - - - - -	241 66
Bond, No. 19 - - - - -	500 00
Bond, No. 21 - - - - -	500 00
Bond, No. 23 - - - - -	200 00
Bond, No. 24 - - - - -	500 00
Bond, No. 25 - - - - -	200 00
Bond, No. 26 - - - - -	1000 00
Bond, No. 27 - - - - -	100 00
Bond, No. 28 - - - - -	800 00
Bond, No. 30 - - - - -	300 00
Balance in Treasury	563 68
Interest due	156 99
*Contributions due	80 00
Total.	<hr/> \$14,641 20

* These have since been paid.



THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AT THE CITY HALL, CAMDEN

ON MONDAY THE 22D AND TUESDAY THE 23D MAY

1833.

**CAMDEN,
JOSEPH HARRISON
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IN THE

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ON

WEDNESDAY THE 29th. AND THURSDAY THE 30th MAY

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LIST

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

- Rt. Rev. **GEORGE W. DOANE**, A. M. Bishop of the Diocese.
 Rev. **Charles H. Wharton**, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's Church,
 Md.
 Rev. **Frederick Beasley**, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's Church,
 N. Y.
 Rev. **John Croes**, Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick.
 Rev. **George Y. Morehouse**, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,
 N. Y.
 Rev. **Clarkson Dunn**, Rector of Christ Church, Newton.
 Rev. **John M. Ward**, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,
 Va.
 Rev. **Benjamin Holmes**, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.
 Rev. **William Douglass**, Minister of St. James' Church, Pis-
 cataway, N. J.; of Trinity Church, Woodbridge; and of St. Thomas' Church,
 N. Y.
 Rev. **Henry M. Mason**, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem,
 N. J.
 Rev. **George's Church**, Penn's Neck.
 Rev. **Harry Finch**, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, and
 Church, Middletown.
 Rev. **Norman Nash**, Minister of Trinity Church, Swedesbo-
 ro, N. J.
 Rev. **Hewlett R. Peters**, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Mor-
 ris, N. J.
 Rev. **Matthew H. Henderson**, Rector of Trinity Church,
 N. Y.
 Rev. **Matthew Matthews**.—15.

LAY DEPUTIES.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| St. Andrew's Church, Jersey City— | Nicholas Haight, |
| | Joshua T. Gilbert, |
| | J. A. Schuyler. |
| St. Peter's Church, Paterson, | Mark W. Collet. |
| St. John's Church, Newark, | Archer Gifford, |
| | James Keene, |
| | Elias E. Boudinot, |
| | Jabez P. Pennington. |

		Amos A. Harrison.
		Edward Carroll, M. D.
		William H. Lupp,
		Franklin Smith.
<i>Christ Church, New Brunswick,</i>	-	Thomas C. Throckmorse
		William Lloyd, Jun.
<i>St. Peter's Church, Freehold,</i>	-	John H. Carr,
		Peter Guerard,
		George Deacon.
<i>St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly,</i>		Z. Read, M. D.
<i>St. Mary's Church, Colestown,</i>	-	Samuel Rudderow,
		Lawrence Browning.
<i>St. Paul's Church, Camden,</i>	-	Josiah Harrison,
		Isaac Welsh,
		Thomas Chapman,
		Richard W. Howell,
		Ebenezer Toole,
		Robert W. Ogden,
		Gideon P. Stivers,
		Benjamin P. Howell, M.
<i>St. Peter's Church, Berkeley,</i>	-	Joseph Wolfe,
		Samuel T. Carpenter,
		Jonathan Egee.
<i>Trinity Church, Swedesborough,</i>		Joseph Battin.
<i>St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill,</i>		Joseph Chatham.
<i>St. John's Church, Chew's Landing,</i>		Jacob Sigler.
<i>St. John's Church, Salem,</i>	-	Thomas Sinnickson.
<i>St. George's Church, Penn's Neck,</i>		Daniel Garrison.
<i>Christ Church, Shrewsbury,</i>	-	Gabriel West.—42.

CLERGY

Who were entitled to Seats not present at this Convention.

The Rev. *James Chapman*, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

The Rev. *Edmund D. Barry*, D. D. Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. *Birdsey G. Noble*, Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown.

The Rev. *Peter L. Jaques*, Deacon, Missionary to the Churches in Warren County.—4

PARISHES

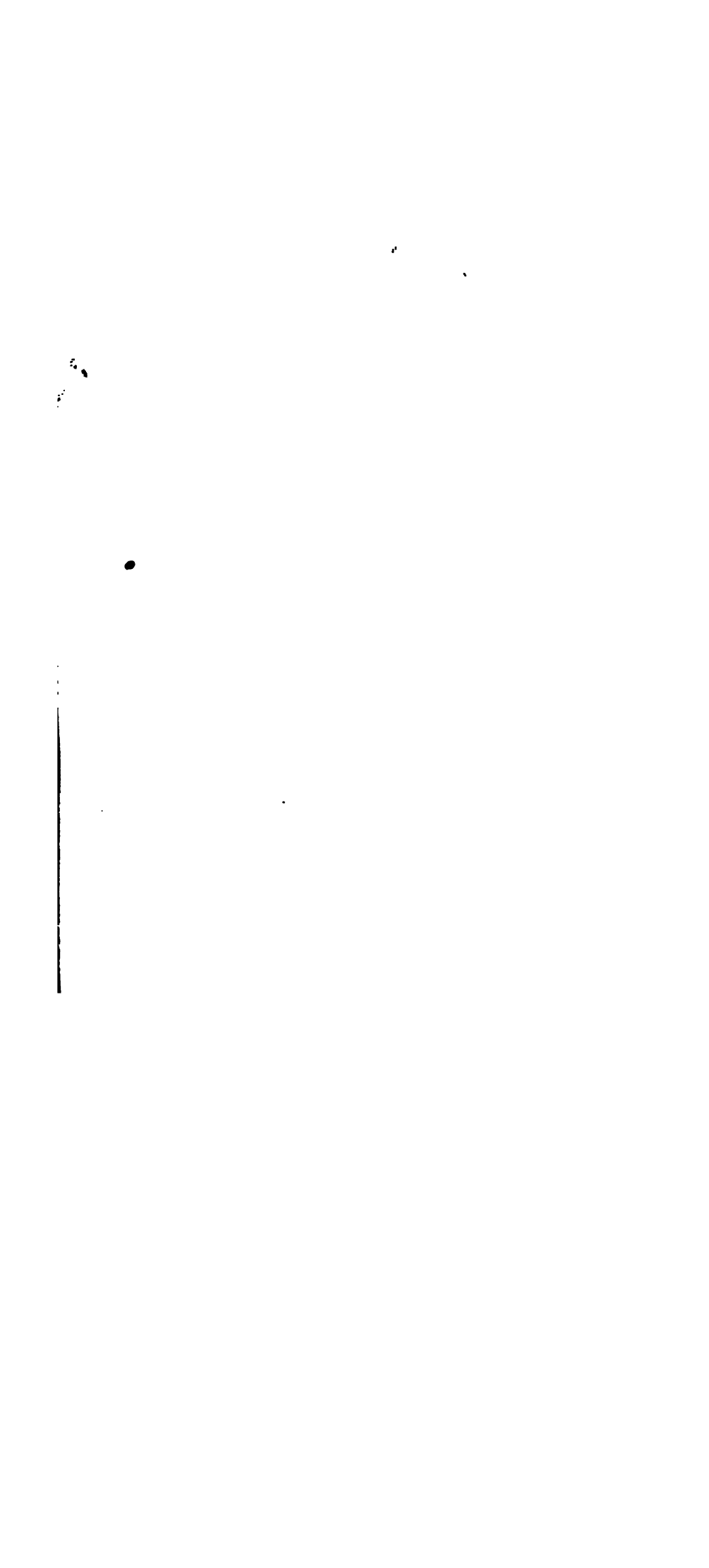
Not represented by Lay Deputies in this Convention.

St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy ;
 Christ Church, Newton ;
 St. James' Church, Knowlton ;
 St. Luke's Church, Hope ;
 Trinity Church, Woodbridge ;
 St. James' Church, Piscataway ;
 St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria ;
 St. Peter's Church, Spotswood ;
 St. Michael's Church, Trenton ;
 St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough.—10.

CLERGY

Of other Dioceses present at this Convention.

The Rev. James Montgomery, D. D.	}	Of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. John W. James,		
The Rev. Simon Wilmer,		
The Rev. Christian F. Crusé,		
The Rev. Robert Davis,		
The Rev. Thomas G. Allen,		
The Rev. Thomas Pyne,		
The Rev. Ephraim Adams, of Virginia.—8.		



JOURNAL.

Camden, May 29th, 1833.

being the time and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of New Jersey, for the meeting of the annual Convention of said Church, several Clergy- and lay deputies assembled in the City Hall, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Croes, and the Charge by the Rev. Dr. Beasley. The Bishop then delivered his Charge: after which he administered the Holy Communion; Dr. Wharton, and the Rev. Dr. Beasley, being present and as-

Bishop then took the Chair; and having called the Convention to order, appointed the Rev. Mr. Ward and Mr. Collet a Committee to examine the testimonials of the lay deputies, and report the result of Churches represented. The Committee reported that all Churches were duly represented.

Clergymen present were the following:—

The Right Rev. GEORGE W. DOANE, Bishop,	
Rev. Dr. Wharton,	The Rev. Dr. Beasley,
— Mr. Croes,	— Mr. Morehouse,
— Dunn,	— Ward,
— Holmes,	— Douglass,
— Mason,	— Nash,
— Peters,	— Henderson.
— Matthews.	

Lay deputies were the following:—

Mr. Haight,	Dr. Carroll,
Gilbert,	Mr. Smith,
Schuyler,	Carr,
Collet,	Guerard,
Gifford,	Deacon,
Keene,	Rudderow,
Boudinot,	Browning,
Pennington,	J. Harrison,
Cooke,	Welsh,
Morse,	Chapman,
Canfield,	Howell,
McCulloch,	Toole,
C. Harrison,	Ogden,
A. A. Harrison,	Stivers,

Dr. Howell,
Read,
Mr. Wolfe,
Carpenter,
Egee,
Batten,

Mr. Garrison,
Sinnickson,
Chatham,
Sigler,
Throckmorton,
Lloyd.

The Convention then proceeded to business; and on motion that a Secretary be appointed, the Rev. John Croes was duly elected.

An application was then made by the Rev. Mr. Ward, for admission into union with this Convention, of the new Congregation, recently organized under the name of "Trinity Church," in the borough of Princeton. The documents were referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Dunn and Dr. Carroll.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croes, a Committee was appointed to report rules of order for this Convention. The Rev. Dr. Beasley and Mr. Chapman, were appointed.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, it was resolved, that Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for the ministry of the Episcopal Church who may be in this place, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention. Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Montgomery, and the Rev. Messrs. James, Crusé, Wilmer, Davis, Allen, and Pyne, of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Mr. Adams of Virginia, took their seats.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to report rules of order, reported the following:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Divine service shall be performed, on every morning, during the session of the Convention.
2. When the President assumes the Chair, each member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, and if necessary, be corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.
5. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and on any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.
6. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.
7. A motion of postponement or amendment, shall always be in order, and considered as the previous question.
8. On motion to adjourn, the question shall be put without debate.
9. No member shall speak oftener than thrice on the same question, without leave of the President.
10. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole, and shall take a vote for that purpose.

11. In the election of delegates to the General Convention, each order shall choose its own representatives, to be approved of by the other order.

12. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.

13. The doors of the Convention shall be open for the admission of such persons as may wish to know its proceedings.

14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission, under the penalty of censure, to be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

15. All elections shall be by ballot; and where the lay members vote by congregations, it shall also be by ballot.

16. All other questions shall be decided ~~two~~ *two* unless required to be decided by ballot by at least two members of the Convention.

The Committee on the application of Trinity Church, Princeton, reported, that the proceedings in relation to its establishment and incorporation had been correct and regular, and moved its admission into union with the Convention. The motion being unanimously adopted, Mr. John Potter appeared, and took his seat as a lay deputy from Trinity Church, Princeton.

The Right Rev. Bishop Doane then delivered the customary address to the Convention, which will be found at the close of the Journal.

Mr. Lupp, a lay deputy from Christ Church, New Brunswick, Mr. Gifford, from Trinity Church, Newark, and Mr. Cooke, from St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then presented the parochial reports, which were read as follows :—

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK,

The Rev. JOHN CROSS, Rector.

Communicants, deceased 5—removed 4—added 12, 60.—Baptisms 5.—Marriages 10.
Funerals, of the congregation, 9—other, 1—10.

The Bible class belonging to the Congregation, has increased in numbers and attendance. The Pastor hopes that it will be profitable of much good to the members. The class attends the Sunday school every Lord's day, and hears a part of the children read in the Catechism.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON,

THE REV. RALPH WILLINGTON, Minister.

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Soon after the disappearance of the cholera, the undersigned, believing that there were many foreigners who ought to be Episcopalians, but who rarely, or never came to Church, began and finished a visitation, which resulted in his ascertaining that there are 150 families, or more, who professed to be Episcopalians, resident in Paterson. He made a register of their names and places of abode, and urged them to attend Church. He has joined in holy matrimony 7 couple—baptized 24 children—and buried 4 infants and 2 adults. There are about 20 Communicants.

The Sunday school is in a much more flourishing condition than when he made his former report—usual attendance between 60 and 70—teachers 16. The ladies of the Congregation, with a commendable zeal, continue the operations of their Society.

The undersigned feels assured, that his much respected Diocesan will make every allowance for his not being present at this annual Convention, inasmuch as he has no seat in the Convention, and his limited means forbid his travelling unnecessarily.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK,

The Rev. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, Rector.

Communicants, (20 added—11 removed—4 dead) 76.—Confirmed 11.—Baptisms (16 children—3 adults) 19.—Marriages 7.—Funerals (7 children—8 adults) 15. Among the deaths, we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of the oldest and most attached members of our Church, and a delegate to the last Convention, Mr. Thomas Whitlock. Mr. W. was suddenly removed from among us by the destroying epidemic by which our town was visited.

Our Missionary Society, in their collective capacity, have done but little during the past year, though individually many have contributed towards the erection of Church edifices within the Diocese, and some also towards the objects of the General Missionary Society; to this last, the congregation contributed \$35 as a Christmas offering. The Female Clothing Society have been unremitting in their exertions, and have been enabled to relieve a great amount of suffering, especially during the prevalence of the cholera.

The number of teachers and attending scholars in the Sunday school, is about the same as at the time of the last Report—with the addition of another department, containing 30 infant children, under 6 years of age. This department is under the supervision of one female teacher. The children seem to be much interested in a representation, or illustration of parts of Scripture History, or natural science, by means of a magic lantern—made occasionally, and combined with catechetical instruction, by way of reward for punctual attendance, and correct deportment. Beside this, there are distributed monthly among them, eighty copies of the Children's Magazine, published by the Episcopal Sunday-school Union. This method of reward, in particular, is attended with very great advantages. We have found it to be one of the happiest methods of exciting and cherishing in the minds of the children an interest in the exercises of the school.

Through the liberality of many members of the congregation, a Parochial Library has been established, containing at present 150 volumes of standard religious works. Many of these are especially calculated to illustrate the doctrines, discipline, and liturgy of the Church. This institution, we believe, will prove a valuable auxiliary in the work of the ministry.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JERSEY CITY,

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D., Rector.

Communicants 24.—Baptisms 14.—Funerals 6—of this number, two were of members of our Vestry, viz. Aaron Lyon and Charles Chebsey.—Marriages 7.

No essential alteration has taken place in the affairs of St. Matthew's congregation the

Some progress has been made in building our Church edifice. To the completion of this work, we look forward with much solicitude; the prosperity of our Church, City, depends very much on our accomplishing, before long, this desirable object. A moderate and very considerable increase of the congregation, it is believed, would be a great blessing. May a blessed Providence prosper our endeavours in this holy work, and we have in hand!

The Ladies' Society of St. Matthew's Church continue their laudable and untiring exertions, from time to time, to the building funds of the Church.

Our Sunday school has been re-organized, after the preceding inclement weather. The number of scholars is between 40 and 50, and is constantly increasing. The collection for the Missionary fund, \$10.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWTON,

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector.

Members, about 50.—Communicants (6 added) 35.—Baptisms (1 adult—13 children) 14.—Deaths 6.—Funerals, partly of the congregation, 11.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORRISTOWN,

The Rev. HEWLETT R. PETERS, Rector.

Members, (infants 15—adults 8) 23.—Funerals 7.—Marriages 3.—Communicants 30. At the last Convention, a bell weighing about 600 pounds, has been placed in the

charge of the Society of Ladies, connected with the congregation, have contributed as the proceeds of their industry, \$300 towards extinguishing the debt of the Church.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ORANGE,

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector.

Members, between 60 and 70—individuals, about 250.—Baptisms, (20 children—10 adults) 30.—Communicants, (1 omitted erroneously in last report—15 added—2 removed) 60.—Deaths, 4 of the congregation, 8.—Persons confirmed, 3 from Belleville, 25.—Attendees of the Bible class, between 20 and 30.—Marriages 7.

A subscription for a Parochial Library reported last year, a part has been paid, and volumes procured. It was opened last November, and to some extent has answered the declared purpose of its institution, viz. the promotion of Christian knowledge.

The cost of it for life, is purchased by the payment of \$10, and for a year, by the payment of not less than \$10; and a special provision is made for the loan of books to any individual person. The increasing interest which the library has called forth, gives reason to believe that, by the Divine blessing, it will prove a valuable auxiliary for the diffusion of truth, and the cultivation of holy affections.

The gradual increase of the congregation, and of attention to the instituted means of worship, and in the prevalence, to some extent, of a spirit of inquiry respecting the peculiar claims of the Church, as conformed to the Scriptural, Apostolic, and Primitive doctrines, discipline, and worship, we find great reason, with deep gratitude, to ascribe to the Lord, to "thank God and take courage."

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY,

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector.

Members, about 38.—Communicants, (added 2—removed 2) 37.—Baptisms, of children, 7.

—Marriages 9.—Funerals, (of the congregation 7, others 11) 18.—Scholars of the Sunday school, which is auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-school Union, 62. [Transmitted to the Bishop, but not received until after the rising of the Convention.]

CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY,

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector.

Families, 1 removed, present number 62.—Communicants, (died 1—removed 1—added 3) present number 70.—Baptisms, 2 adults.—Funerals 9.—Marriages 2.

CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN,

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector.

Families 7.—Communicants 8.—Baptism, 1 infant.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SPOTSWOOD,

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector.

Families about 50.—Communicants (5 added—1 deceased) 35.—Baptisms, (1 adult—infants 8) 9.—Marriages 6.—Funerals (5 of the congregation, 4 of others) 9.

The Sunday School continues to flourish under the zealous and indefatigable attention of the superintendents and teachers.

The Bible Class has been recently re-organized, and a number of new members added to it.

Within the last year the Church has undergone some internal alteration, by which five additional pews have been added to the former number; thus improving the appearance, and adding to the accommodation of the Church.

The Rector is happy further to state that an increasing attachment to the distinctive principles of the Church is manifested, and a greater degree of vital piety seems to pervade the congregation.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRENTON,

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY, D. D., Rector.

There are in this Church, at this time—Families and Pew-holders, 60.—Communicants, 50.—Deaths, during the last year, have been 3.—Marriages 2.—Baptisms 3.—The Sunday School about 40.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON,

The Rev. CHARLES H. WHARTON, D. D., Rector.

Communicants, some having removed from Burlington, about 35.—Baptisms 21.—Marriages 4.—Funerals 3. The congregation, we trust, is by the divine blessing punctual in its attendance upon public worship; and we hope that the removal of some of our most zealous members, will be shortly supplied by the accession of others. Our Sunday-school consists of about 90 children, and is taught by zealous and competent young men and females belonging to the congregation. Its library is respectable, and means will not be withheld for supplying increasing demands. A small subscription of 8 or 9 dollars has been sent on to the Theological Seminary at New York, and \$5 to the Missionary Society. The proceeds of our young ladies' Association amount to \$30; but we humbly trust, that this very meritorious Association will, from fresh accessions, be able to do still more for the

and sacred cause of our Church Missions, so prominent an object at this day for Christian exertion.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOUNT HOLLY,

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector.

s. about 60—Communicants 35—Marriages 5—Funerals 5.

the past year, the Church has been much improved and beautified, and the numbers increased, there not being seats sufficient to answer the demands of increase in public worship.

Sunday School is still well attended on the part of the teachers and scholars, and it is contemplated to erect a building in the vicinity of the Church, for the more commodious accommodation and instruction of the School.

A Association of Ladies for Missionary purposes, have presented to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$50 50.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM,

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector.

state of this Congregation, it may with confidence be said, is not less encouraging than at the present time, than at the close of the last ecclesiastical year. The Bible has not been discontinued, and the ladies of the parish have united themselves into a Society with the especial purpose of providing funds for the adornment of the Church. In brief record of its condition, let me add, that with a liberality than which scarce has given me more satisfaction, the congregation have ordered a handsome organ, which is expected in the course of a few weeks. The number of families is now 35. Communicants 1 removed and 4 added, 35—Baptisms, 6 adults—and the like number of children.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, PENN'S NECK,

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector.

s. 30—Communicants 13—Baptisms 4 children and 1 adult 5—and a Marriage. I trust that I should say of this Congregation that I cannot consider them as improving in numbers, piety or zeal. An accommodation has been effected between the parish and the rectory, which will prove highly advantageous to the latter, and I think ultimately to the general interests of the Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, SWEDESBOROUGH,

The Rev. NORMAN NASH, Rector elect.

Communicants (20 added, 2 removed, 4 deceased, 1 suspended,) 82—Baptisms (13 adults and 12 children,) 25—Confirmed (10 males and 20 females) 30: two other females before the Congregation were confirmed, as was then most convenient, at Berkeley;—Marriages 7—Funerals attended 60—Sunday-school scholars, about 80. It has been done towards regulating and improving the financial concerns of the Church. No doubt is entertained that there has not been a regular and considerable increase in genuine piety, as well of numbers. Good morals are in a progressive state. It is believed, that this Church never was in a more promising condition.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CAMDEN,

(Vacant:—reported by R. W. HOWELL, a Vestryman.)

It is to be regretted that no favourable change can be reported in the condition of this

Church. During the past year, Divine worship has been held with great regularity (except while the cholera prevailed last summer) on Sunday afternoons. Through the kindness of the civil authorities of the place, the congregation is still permitted the use of the City Hall; notwithstanding which, however, the want of a Church edifice is deeply felt. Funds to a considerable amount, for the purpose of erecting a suitable building, have been subscribed; but we regret to say that the amount is still inadequate to the object. We acknowledge with great pleasure the kindness of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, and of the Rev. Messrs. Van Pelt, Allen, Piggot, Wilmer, and Cruse, in performing for us, during the year past, the regular services of the Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN,

The Rev. BIRDSEY G. NOBLE, Rector.

Number of Families about 80—Communicants 85, 4 added—Baptisms 9—Marriages 5—Funerals 28.

The Parish has suffered severely by removals and deaths, since the last Convention. Lectures on the Scriptures were delivered to a class during part of the winter, and the Church was opened regularly for a third service till Easter. The Sunday-school Society and the Ladies' Association continue their pious and zealous labours with encouraging success. Notwithstanding very afflictive losses the interests of the Church have been sustained.

REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FREEHOLD,

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Missionary.

The condition of this Parish, though suffering much from the want of the regular services of a clergyman, is, upon the whole, improving. The occasional services which, as a Missionary, I have rendered them, have been well attended, and nothing seems wanting to secure the establishment of a respectable and flourishing congregation but the stated ministrations of a suitable Clergyman, which it is hoped they will soon enjoy.

A few of the ladies of the Congregation, associated with a Sewing Society, composed principally of the members of the Presbyterian denomination, have, with a liberality which deserves and receives their grateful thanks, been permitted to draw from the funds of the Society, a sum sufficient, with the contributions from individuals, to put the Church edifice into very comfortable repair. The sum obtained from the Society amounted to \$70, by the aid of which and individual subscriptions, a new roof has been put on one side of the Church, and the pews, which were in a very dilapidated condition, have been thoroughly repaired. Funds are also on hand to improve and paint the interior of the building.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PISCATAWAY,

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Missionary.

Families 21—Communicants (3 added—3 removed—1 dead) 12—Marriage 1—Baptisms none—Funerals 5.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE,
The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Missionary.

Families 4—Communicants (3 added—1 deceased—2 removed) 7—Baptisms 1—Marriage 1—Funeral 1.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA,
The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Missionary.

I have administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper here, once since last Convention. I have visited this place once in six weeks through the course of last year, and when the weather was favourable, the congregations were large.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, COLESTOWN.*
 (VACANT.)

Occasional services have been performed here during the year past, by the Rev. Messrs. Cruise, Wilmer, Figgott, and others, not of this Diocese. It is a promising field of labour, and an appropriation having been made to it from the Missionary fund, for the ensuing year, it will soon, it is believed, be occupied.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BERKELEY.*
 (VACANT.)

Service has been performed in this Church since December last, by clergymen not of this diocese, chiefly by the Rev. Simon Wilmer, who reports communicants (2 died, 4 removed—10 added) 35—Baptisms, (4 adults—11 infants,) 15—Marriages 2—Confirmed 14. A good spirit pervades the congregation, and spirited efforts are in progress to secure a permanent minister.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHEW'S LANDING.*
 (VACANT.)

In this Church, which has been long vacant, there has recently been service about once in two weeks, by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer and others. A Sunday school is established. The congregation is said to be increasing in numbers, and apparently growing in grace.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GLASSBOROUGH.*
 (VACANT.)

This Church, long without ministrations, has recently had a service once in a month.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MULLICA HILL.*
 (VACANT.)

This Church has shared in the attention paid, since the recent primary Episcopal visitation, to the three before named; and will soon, it is believed, enjoy with them, more regular ministrations.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KNOWLTON,
The Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Deacon, Missionary.

Families about 40—Contributors —, Communicants (2 deceased—11 added) 25—

* The Rev. Simon Wilmer, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been allowed, informally, to make in substance the above reports.

Baptisms, (6 children—5 adults,) 11—Persons confirmed, 10—Funerals 3—Marriages 3—
Sunday-school scholars 35.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOPE,

The Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Deacon, Missionary.

Families 20—Contributors —. Communicants (1 added) 17—Baptisms, (1 infant—1 adult) 2—Funerals 2—Sunday-school scholars —.

The following letter from the Missionary to Warren county, gives a fuller account of the state of the Church in that vicinity:—

To the Right Rev. GEORGE W. DOANE, President of the Board of the Missionary Fund:

Right Rev. Sir:—Since the meeting of the last Convention, your Missionary has acted in the capacity of both lay-reader and clergyman, to the congregations and Episcopalians in Warren county. Before ordination, I divided my time equally between St. James' Church, Knowlton, and St. Luke's, Hope; officiating every Lord's day in each, morning and afternoon alternately; five Sundays excepted, when indisposition and storms prevented me from attending. On the 9th of September, 12th Sunday after Trinity, I exchanged, as lay-reader, with the Rev. Mr. Beasley, of Easton, Pa., who preached in the morning at St. James', and in the afternoon and evening at Hope. Since receiving holy orders, I have given one-third of my time to the Episcopalians at Belvidere; and, through divine assistance, have been enabled to preach every Sunday, (when not absent,) in that village, at St. James', Knowlton, and St. Luke's, Hope. A few Sundays, however, I have been obliged, by sudden and severe illness, to let the congregations assemble and retire, without enjoying the benefits of divine service. On the 30th of December, I exchanged with the Rev. Mr. Dunn, who preached and administered the holy communion to both congregations. In

ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

six children and 5 adults have been baptized—10 persons confirmed, and 11 added to the communion. A large number, of both children and adults, remain yet to be baptized, who have been prevented from attending the services of the Church for some time past, in consequence of prevailing epidemics. Several persons are likewise awaiting confirmation. The Sunday School has again been opened with increased exertions for its welfare, and there is a prospect of its becoming much more flourishing than at any former period. In

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOPE,

One infant and one adult have been baptized, and one person admitted to the participation of the holy communion: the whole number of communicants is now 17. A few children, and several adults in this congregation, are likewise awaiting baptism; but particular circumstances have caused a delay in their coming forward. A few persons here are in a state of preparation for confirmation. The Church edifice, which was raised and inclosed last summer, still continues in that situation. The work, however, is expected to be again commenced in a short time, and carried on as fast as our scanty means will allow. The Episcopalians in

BELVIDERE

still remain firmly attached to the Church, but are not yet organized into a congregation; which work I have thought proper to delay a short time. The number of hearers have greatly increased; several persons who were strangers to our service, have taken an active part therein, and the responses are made in a manner which would do credit to some of our old established congregations. The young are becoming greatly interested in the prosperity of the Church among them, and it is to be hoped, that their attachment is sincere and devout. A few persons are ready for confirmation, and more are expected to

prepare for that holy rite. Would my health permit attention to the business, a congregation could soon be organized, and the commencement of a Church or chapel, would immediately follow. I regret that, in consequence of my absence on a tour, soliciting aid for the completion of the Church edifice in the village of Hope, and of my detention on the road by severe indisposition, five weeks longer than I intended, all these congregations were without any service from the 1st of February to the 1st of April. I have not yet, owing to great weakness of body, been able to extend my labours to the village of

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JOHNSONSBURGH,

where, I am informed, there are a few families favourably disposed towards our Church, and where it is anticipated to revive and organize the old congregation of St. John's Church, which has been for some years, and is now, entirely dilapidated. I purpose, God willing, to commence officiating there on Trinity Sunday, June 2d, and to devote, for the future, one-fourth of my time and attention to that place.

The number of times that I have officiated, since my ordination, out of the sphere of my congregations, is 10; viz. twice on a Sunday at Newton, for the Rev. Mr. Dunn, and during my absence, twice on a Sunday in St. Peter's Church, Morristown; once on a Sunday, and once on a week day, in Trinity Church, Newark; once on Sunday in St. James' Church, Piscataway; once on a Sunday in Christ Church, Shrewsbury; once at Sand-Nough, and once at Red Bank.

The situation of the Churches in this county is such, as to require my constant and regular attention. But for some time past, my health has permitted me only to visit three, and preach for them on the Lord's day; and then, not without much pain and fatigue to myself. Should it continue poor for any length of time, I fear that the congregations will suffer much for the want of regular service and visitation. Though difficulties almost insurmountable still continue to cross our path, yet we go on our way rejoicing, and with holy Job, though God slays us, yet will we trust in him.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That *five hundred* copies of the Journal, together with the Charge this day delivered by the Bishop, be printed and distributed in the usual proportions; and that *five hundred* additional copies of the Charge be also printed and distributed.

The Bishop laid before the Convention, a communication which he had received from the Secretary of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in the words following :

NEW-YORK, May 8th, 1833.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—The 50th Canon of our Church, makes it the duty of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, whenever any alteration of the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give a particular notice thereof, to the ecclesiastical authority of this Church in every Diocese. In compliance with these requisitions, I take this opportunity respectfully to transmit to you the following notice of matters submitted by the late General Convention, to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions—viz :

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption, at the next General Convention, to insert the following Rubric after the "prayer to be used at the meetings of Convention:—" During the period of the Session of any General or Diocesan Convention, the above prayer may be used by all congregations of this Church, or of the Diocese concerned: the clause "*here assembled in thy name and presence*," being changed to "*now assembled in thy name and presence*:" and the clause "*govern us in our present work*," to "*govern them in their present work*."

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention, to insert the said Prayer and Rubric at the end of the "prayers upon several occasions, to be used before the two final prayers of Morning and Evening service." (See Journal of the General Convention, 1832, pp. 92—57.)

2. *Resolved*, That with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the Rubric before the "selections of Psalms," so as to read, "The following selections of Psalms, or any one or more Psalms, or any portions of the 119th Psalm in the Psalter, may be used instead of the Psalms for the day, at the discretion of the minister." And that the fourth paragraph of the "order how the Psalter is to be read," be erased. (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93 and 94.)

3. *Resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the last Rubric before the Communion Service, by substituting the word "right," for the word "north." (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93 and 94.)

A true copy of the above resolution, as concurred in by both houses in General Convention, October, 1832.

Attest,

HENRY ANTHON, Secretary.

The Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respectfully solicits an early attention on the part of the several Dioceses, that have not yet paid their respective quotas to the resolutions which were passed at the close of the session of the General Convention. (See Journal of the House of Deputies, pp. 54—65.) The debt incurred by the publication of the Journal, Pastoral Letter, Canons, &c. amounts to nearly \$600.

HENRY ANTHON, Secretary.

The communication was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Beasley, Mr. Guerard and Mr. Haight.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes then introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-school Union, have requested the Secretary of the Sunday-school Society of this Diocese, to send forthwith a report of the state of the schools in the Diocese, therefore

Resolved, That the clergy, before the rising of this Convention, give into the Secretary of the Diocesan Sunday-school Society, so much of their Parochial Reports as relates to Sunday Schools, to be by him reported to the General Sunday-school Union, according to the provisions of the 6th Article of the Constitution of the Diocesan Society.

On motion, it was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Wharton, and Messrs. Throckmorton, Lloyd and Deacon, asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Noble was then read by the Secretary, which was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Holmes and Henderson, and Messrs. Carr and Amos A. Harrison.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Ward, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on that part of the Bishop's address, which relates to the increase of means for the support and extension of the Church. The Rev. Messrs. Ward and Mason, and Messrs. Chapman and Pennington, were appointed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the places of Governor Williamson, and John Joseph Chetwood, members of the Committee appointed at the last Convention to revise and amend the Consti-

tution, and not present at this, be now supplied. Messrs. Lupp and Caleb Harrison were appointed.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report a plan for the increase of the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese. The Rev. Messrs. Dunn, Holmes, and Morehouse, and Messrs. Boudinot, Collett, and Garrison, were appointed.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow, at half past 9 A. M.

THURSDAY, $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Finch.

The Convention being called to order by the Bishop, the minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Rev. Mr. Finch, Mr. West, a lay deputy from Christ Church, Shrewsbury, and Dr. Howell, a lay deputy from St. Paul's Church, Camden, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Lupp, the Treasurer, presented his accounts, which were referred to the Rev. Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Sinnickson, for examination.

The report of the Committee appointed by the Bishop to examine the bonds and mortgages in possession of the Treasurer, was laid before the Convention.

The Clergy were then called on for their reports of Missionary services performed by them, and made report as follows :

The Rev. Mr. DUNN, by appointment of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Croes, laid the corner-stone of St. Luke's Church, at Hope; on which occasion he also performed divine service and preached. At another time, by request of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, he exchanged with the Rev. Mr. Jaques, for the purpose of administering the Holy Communion at St. James' Church, Knowlton, and in Hope. He baptized an adult at the former place.

May 29, 1833.

At the request of the Bishop, (my own Parish being supplied by the Rev. Mr. Whittingham for that purpose,) I have 5 times officiated in Christ Church, Belleville. Twice I administered the communion.

From the middle of January to the middle of March, divine service was statedly (five times) held in the neighbouring village of Bloomfield. Since the last mentioned period it has been discontinued, principally for the want of a convenient room. It is hoped that difficulty will be obviated at no very distant day.

BENJ. HOLMES.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD reports that in addition to his services as a Missionary, he has, since the last Convention, officiated on seven Sundays at Freehold, and on a week-day at a private house.

On Sunday, the 16th December last, I performed Missionary service at Freehold, where I officiated morning and afternoon.

HARRY FINCH.

Mr. DOUGLASS officiated four times in a private house in Amwell, on Sunday evenings after preaching at St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria, in the mornings.

The Rev. Mr. NASH has officiated frequently on the afternoons of the Lord's day in various places near to Swedesborough.

Mr. MASON reports, that as an experiment how far the services of the Church might there prove acceptable, he preached in the Presbyterian meeting house at Bridgeton—that he found two individuals warmly attached to the Church, and several from hereditary regard very well disposed to her services.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mason,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire and report to the next Convention as to the existence of certain property in Greenwich, Cumberland County, said to belong to the Church.

Messrs. Sinnickson and Garrison were appointed.

The Committee appointed to devise means for the increase of the Bishop's Fund, made the following report :

Resolved, That agents be appointed by the Bishop for the purpose of raising, by subscription, Eight Thousand Dollars, in addition to the present Episcopal Fund.

Resolved, That the conditions of the subscriptions be,

1. That the sums be payable (if desired by the subscribers) in *five* annual instalments.
2. That the interest on subscriptions as received, shall be continually added to the principal, until the said sum is realized.

3. That the said sum of Eight Thousand Dollars be considered as part of a permanent fund, the interest thereof to be appropriated exclusively to the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Also *Resolved*, That the sums as received on these subscriptions be paid over to the Treasurer of the Convention, to be by him invested, on interest.

CLARKSON DUNN, Chairman.

On motion, the report and resolutions were adopted, and ordered to be entered on the journal.

The Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had examined them and found them correct. The report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croes, it was

Resolved, That the Clergy be recommended to discontinue the use of Prayers in the pulpit before the Sermon, after the Morning and Evening Service.

On motion of Mr. Collett, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary procure a book in which a fair copy of the proceedings of this and of each successive Convention shall be accurately recorded; the record to be made from day to day during the session of the Convention.

The Committee on Mr. Noble's communication made the following report :

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the consideration of the subject be laid over to the next Convention, if the application be then renewed.

The Committee on procuring a complete set of the journals for the use of the Convention, asked to be continued. Their request was granted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention.

For the Standing Committee there were chosen,

Of the Clergy ;	Of the Laity ;
The Rev. John Croes,	Edward Carroll, M. D.
James Chapman,	William Lupp, Esq.
Benjamin Holmes,	Joseph Marsh, Esq.
John M. Ward.	Jacob Van Wickle, Esq.

For the Delegates to the General Convention, there were chosen,

Of the Clergy ;	Of the Laity ;
The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.	Mark W. Collet, Esq.
Frederick Beasley, D. D.	Charles C. Stratton, Esq.
John Croes,	John Potter, Esq.
Clarkson Dunn.	William Chetwood, Esq.

Messrs. Caleb Harrison and Amos A. Harrison asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to make such selections as he may think proper from the journal of the General Convention, to be inserted in the Appendix to the journal of this Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Ward was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, two additional members were added to the Committee on the revision of the Constitution. The Rev. Mr. Mason and Mr. Chapman were appointed. Mr. Josiah Harrison was appointed in the place of Mr. Caleb Harrison, who had obtained leave of absence.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ward, it was

Resolved, That the powers of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution be enlarged, to comprehend the Canons, and the whole Ecclesiastical Law of the Diocese.

The Clergy were then called upon to report the collections made in their respective parishes, for the Episcopal and Missionary Funds, when the following were reported.

	<i>Episcopal.</i>	<i>Missionary.</i>
Christ Church, New Brunswick,	\$11 00	\$15 00
St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City,	- - -	10 00
St. John's Church, Elizabethtown,	3 00	6 25
St. Peter's Church, Morristown,	15 00	15 00
St. Mark's Church, Orange,	10 00	8 25
St. Peter's Church, Freehold,	3 00	3 78
St. Mary's Church, Burlington,	- - -	30 00
St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly,	5 50	5 00
Trinity Church, Swedesborough,	- - -	10 00
St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy,	6 80	5 20
Christ Church, Newton,	5 00	5 00
Trinity Church, Woodbury,	- - -	46
St. James' Church, Piscataway,	- - -	1 18
St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria,	- - -	75
St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,	3 00	5 00
Christ Church, Shrewsbury,	9 44	11 00

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Right Rev. George W. Doane the amount of interest and collections for the Episcopal Fund during the last Conventional year.

The Bishop then declared his intention to give the amount thus appropriated as his subscription toward the increase of the Episcopal Fund, on the plan reported to this Convention.

The President having retired, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole, the Rev. Dr. Beasley in the Chair.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subscription offered by the Bishop to the Episcopal Fund.

The Rev. Messrs. Nush and Peters, and Messrs. Collet and Haight, were appointed.

The Committee of the Whole House then rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Cooke and Mr. Morse asked and obtained leave of absence.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

The Committee on the revision of the Constitution, by its Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Croes, asked to be continued until the next Convention, and that any three, duly convened, might constitute a quorum for the transaction of business—both which were granted.

The Committee now consists of the

Rev. Mr. Croes,
Holmes,
Mason,

W. H. Lupp, Esq.
Thomas Chapman, Esq.
Josiah Harrison, Esq.

Mr. Collet called up his amendments to the Constitution, proposed at the annual Convention in 1832, which were adopted in the words following:

X. At every annual Convention, a standing Committee of four members of each order shall be chosen by ballot; each order choosing its own representatives, subject to the approval of the other order.

XI. At every annual Convention, four clerical and four lay delegates shall be elected by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention, each order choosing its own representatives, subject to the approval of the other order.

Articles X, XI, XII, and XIII to be numbered XII, XIII, XIV, and XV respectively.

Mr. Collet also called up the additional articles proposed by him at the same time, relative to the election of a Bishop, the consideration of which was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Mr. Nash then proposed the following alteration of the *third* article of the Constitution:

Each Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, who shall be amenable to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this Diocese, and who shall have been resident therein, during the space of six months previous to the meeting of Convention, shall be a member thereof.

Mr. Guerard offered the following amendment of the first article of the Constitution :

Resolved, That all future meetings of this Convention be held alternately at Trenton and New Brunswick.

The Rev. Mr. Mason offered the following amendment of the twelfth and thirteenth articles of the Constitution :

The following alteration of the Constitution is proposed, that the twelfth and thirteenth articles, as they now stand, shall be read :

ART. XII. At every annual Convention a Standing Committee, consisting of four members of each order shall be chosen by ballot, each order choosing both clerical and lay representatives.

ART. XIII. At every annual Convention, four clerical and four lay delegates shall be elected by ballot to represent this Diocese in General Convention, each order choosing its own representatives.

The Rev. Dr. Beasley, from the Committee on the communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, made the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication to the Bishop from the Secretary of the General Convention, beg leave to report, that they recommend the insertion in the minutes of the resolutions of the General Convention, in regard to the alterations of the Constitution, with the Canons to which amendments are proposed, and Rubrics proposed to be called up to be considered at our next sitting. They also beg leave to recommend that our Treasurer be instructed to transmit to the Secretary of the General Convention, our quota of the funds necessary to defray the expenses of our venerable ecclesiastical council of the whole Church—said funds to be taken from the Missionary Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Mason, from the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to an increase of funds for the support and extension of the Church, made the following report :

1. *Resolved*, That at the instance of the Bishop, it is affectionately recommended to every Episcopalian of this Diocese, to commence immediately, and henceforth to continue, a weekly appropriation and contribution for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety, on the principle recommended by St. Paul in 1st Corinthians, 16 c. 2 v. "*Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him,*" being recommended that at least five cents each week be given; the proceeds of such appropriation to constitute an annual fund to be known as the "Offerings of the Church."

2. *Resolved*, That at the instance of the Bishop, it be affectionately and earnestly recommended to the clergy in each parish, and where there is no clergyman, to the wardens, to promote and to take charge of this contribution.

3. *Resolved*, That the appropriation constituting the fund to be known as the "Offerings of the Church," be paid at or before each annual Convention to the Treasurer of the Diocese, and to be held subject to the direction of the Bishop, and two clergymen, and two

laymen, to be annually elected as Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," who shall make report to each annual Convention, of the purpose to which the fund has been appropriated.

4. *Resolved*, That the provisions of the above resolutions are not designed to discourage contributions in other forms heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, for the promotion of similar objects.

On motion by Mr. Haight, the report and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Boudinot offered the following amendment of the first article of the Constitution :

Resolved, That the annual meeting of this Convention be hereafter held in Burlington and Newark, alternately : and that all after the words " at the following places," in the first article of the Constitution, be repealed.

The Directors of the Missionary Fund, by their President, made their report of the proceedings of the year, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Rev. Mr. Peters offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Authorities of the City of Camden, for the use of their Hall during the sitting of the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Masonic Lodge, of the City of Camden, for the use of their room, for the purposes of this body during its present session.

Mr. Boudinot offered the following amendment of the Constitution :

The Convention shall annually elect, in manner provided for by the Constitution, four clergymen and four laymen as delegates to the General Convention, and shall also nominate a like number of supplementary delegates of each order, to serve as delegates contingently.

It shall be the duty of the delegates elect to signify to the Bishop, on some day within three weeks of the meeting of the General Convention, and at least one week before such meeting, their acceptance of the appointment, and their intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many from those of the supplementary delegates having the greatest number of votes, as shall be necessary, as far as practicable, to insure a full representation of this Diocese, and the persons so designated, shall have all the power and authority of delegates duly elected by this Convention.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the power hereby conferred on the Bishop, shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention go into the appointment of four Trustees of the fund styled the " Offerings of the Church."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the rule of order be suspended, and that a Committee of two be appointed to nominate said Trustees.

The Committee reported the names of the

Rev. Mr. Dunn,

D. J. Canfield, Esq.

Morehouse,

Peter Guerard, Esq.;

which nomination was approved by the Convention.

the President having retired, the Convention again resolved itself a Committee of the Whole; the Rev. Dr. Beasley in the chair. The Committee on the Bishop's donation made the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the subject of the Bishop's donation, present the following report—Whereas, the Right Rev. Bishop Doane has generously subscribed to the Episcopal fund the whole amount of the interest of the present fund, with the collections which had been voted to him by this Convention; therefore resolved, That we receive with sentiments of gratitude, the liberal donation of our beloved Diocesan, and feel ourselves laid under renewed obligations to increased exertions in the completion of the object of said fund.

The Committee then rose.

The Bishop having resumed the chair, the report of the Committee on the whole house was approved by title, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Mr. Collet called up his amendment of the eighth article of the Constitution, which was adopted in the words following:

Treasurer shall also be appointed who shall continue in office, during the pleasure of the Convention. He shall give such security as may be satisfactory to the Standing Committee, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office," &c. &c.

On motion, it was

resolved, That twenty-five dollars be paid to the Treasurer for his services during the current year.

The journal of the proceedings having been then read, a part of the 101st Psalm was sung, and after prayers and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention rose.

G. W. DOANE, *President*.

Seconded—JOHN CROES, *Secretary*.

The next Annual Convention will be held, by Divine permission, at Trinity Church, Newark, on the last Wednesday in May, 1834.

The EPISCOPAL FUND *in account with* WILLIAM H. LUPP, *Treasurer.*

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STATE OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Bond No. III.	-	-	\$380 00
Note No. IV.	-	-	100 00
Bond No. V.	-	-	200 00
Bond No. VI.	-	-	300 00
Bond No. VII.	-	-	500 00
Bond and Note, No. IX.	-	-	500 00
Balance	-	-	169 33
			<hr/> \$2,049 33

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The MISSIONARY FUND in account current with WILLIAM H. LUPP, Treasurer.

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1832	July 31	To cash paid Terhune & Lelton for printing Journal, 1832	\$41 00	By balance received from late Treasurer, Dr. Carroll	\$983 45
"	" 24	Do. for do. for printing 100 circulars	3 00	By cash received, interest on Bond No. 26	24 60
Sep 12	" 12	Do. invested on Bond and Mortgage, No. 33	1000 00	Do. received, interest on Bond No. 21	14 00
"	" 17	Do. paid Terhune & Lelton for printing circulars	2 25	By one year's interest on Bond No. 33	24 00
Oct. 1	" 1	Do. invested on Bond and Mortgage, No. 34	770 47	By principal of Bond No. 32	150 00
"	" 19	Do. paid E. Wilson, for repairs to Church fence at Amwell	3 75	By four year's interest on do.	42 00
Nov. 3	" 3	Do. paid to General Convention (Diocesan quota)	13 50	By interest on Bond D.	28 00
"	"	Do. paid Terhune and Lelton for printing additional Journals	16 48	By cash dividend on account of principal and interest of Bond No. 1, by Administrators of J. Dennis, jr. deceased	112 57
1833	Jan. 5	Do. paid Rev. Mr. Douglass for Missionary services	75 00	By cash in payment of principal of Bond D.	100 00
April 13	"	Do. invested on Bond, &c. No. 35	250 00	By three month's interest on do.	1 75
May 16	"	Do. paid Rev. Mr. Douglass for services at Woodbridge	25 00	By cash in payment of principal and interest of Bond H. (principal \$250, interest \$6 25)	256 25
30	"	Do. paid Rev. Mr. Ward, as per order	50 00	By interest of Bond, No. 27	36 00
		By balance in Treasury	20 63½	By interest on Bond No. 28	67 16
			\$2,281 08½	By cash in payment of principal of do.	260 00
				April 23 By interest on Bond No. 25	45 00
				May 4 By one year's interest on Bond No. 29	9 00
				May 23 By cash, collection made in St. John's Church, Elizabeth town	6 25
				30 By cash, the amount of collections made in the Churches of the Diocese for the Missionary Fund, as reported in the Journal of this year	121 05½
					\$2,281 08½

STATE OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

Bond No. I. for (unproductive) balance	\$210 34	Bond No. XXIX.	\$150 00
Note No. VII.	150 00	Bond No. XXXII.	400 00
Bond No. XXI.	200 00	Bond No. XXXIII.	1000 00
Bond No. XXIII.	400 00	Bond No. XXXIV.	750 00
Bond No. XXV.	250 00	Bond No. XXXV.	260 00
Bond No. XXVI.	410 00	Balance in hand	20 63½
Bond No. XXVII.	300 00		\$4,500 97½

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, report that they have examined them, and find them correct.

Signed,
MATTHEW H. HENDERSON,
THOMAS SINNICKSON.

May 30th, 1833.

APPENDIX, No. V.

Extracts from the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, held in the City of New York, from the 17th to the 31st of October, inclusive, A. D. 1832.

The House of Bishops, at the opening of the session, consisted of nine of that order. At its close thirteen were present. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies was composed of fifty clergymen, and thirty-eight laymen, representing twenty-one Dioceses. Morning Prayer was celebrated in St. Paul's Chapel, by the Rev. Dr. Montgomery, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Prentiss. The Sermon was preached by the Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D. The Holy Communion was administered by the Right Rev. the Presiding Bishop, the other Bishops being present and assisting. The Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D. of Baltimore, was chosen President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and the Rev. Henry Anthon, D. D. of N. York, Secretary. The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. Professor of the General Theological Seminary, was Secretary of the House of Bishops. The sittings of the Convention were held in St. John's Chapel; where the Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops was read by their senior, the Right Rev. Dr. White. The consecration of the four new Bishops for Vermont, Kentucky, Ohio, and New Jersey, took place on the 31st day of October, in St. Paul's Chapel.

The principal subjects of discussion, in addition to the ordinary business of the Convention, were the question of a vacancy in the Episcopate of Ohio, occasioned by the resignation of the Right Rev. Dr. Chase,—the recognition of the new Dioceses of Vermont, Alabama, and Michigan,—the testimonials of four Bishops elect,—the report of the Committee on the revision of the Canons,—and the Selections of the Psalms in metre reported by the Committee.

The following are extracts from the Report of the Committee on

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

MAINE. There are three Episcopal Churches in this State. The services of the Church are also statedly performed in Sacarappa, a village in the town of Westbrook, where it is hoped a Church will soon be regularly organized, and received into union with the Convention. There are resident in the State, five Episcopal clergymen.

The Rev. Mr. Olney resides in Portland without a cure; but has occasionally supplied the Church in that city during the past year. The Rev. Mr. Ten Broeck has relinquished the charge of St. Paul's Church, Portland, but still resides in that city, and officiates as Missionary at Sacarappa.

This State presents a wide and important field for Missionary labours. The population is rapidly increasing, and favourable openings for clergymen of our Church are continually presenting themselves. In all the parishes, Sunday Schools are established, and are in a flourishing condition.

Clergymen 5—Parishes 3—Vacant Parish 1—Candidates for orders 1.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE. The number of clergymen in this State is seven; and there are nine parishes, three of which are destitute of clergymen. The number of Episcopal families is 340—of Communicants 356. The baptisms have been 207—Confirmations 93—Marriages 65—Burials 128. The number of Sunday-school teachers is 85—of Sunday Scholars 418. Two new Churches have been admitted to union with the Convention; and one new Church has been consecrated. Three persons have been admitted as candidates for Orders. One person has been admitted to Deacons' orders: and two Deacons have been admitted to Priests' orders.

VERMONT. The Church in this State is represented as in a prosperous condition. An awakened attention to the subject of religion has been witnessed in several of the parishes, and there has been a considerable addition to the number of communicants.

Three of the clergy reported at the last General Convention have removed from the State; and six have been added to the list.

Four new Churches have been completed, and two others are building. Several of the parishes have societies auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, besides those which are auxiliary to the State or Diocesan Missionary Society. Sunday Schools, it is believed, exist in all the parishes.

Three Deacons have been admitted to Priests' Orders, and there are now two candidates for the order of Deacons. The Baptisms reported are 552—Confirmations 234—Marriages 109—Funerals 159—Communicants 975—Churches 15—Parishes 20—Clergy 12.

The main question respecting the lands belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, is considered as finally settled; but many who hold them in possession, are unwilling to relinquish them without a legal process, the expense of which renders the fund less available, than it is expected soon to become, when all those suits shall have been ended.

This Diocese has been separated from the Eastern Diocese, according to the provisions of the Constitution, and at the last Convention of the State, held at Middlebury in May last, erected itself into a separate and independent Diocese, and elected the Rev. John H. Hopkins, D. D., for the office of Bishop.

MASSACHUSETTS. The whole number of congregations in this Diocese is thirty-two. The list of clergy since the last triennial report has increased from thirty-one to forty-one. Nine persons have been admitted to the holy order of Deacons; and three Deacons have been ordained Priests.

Among the more important clerical changes, is the removal of the Rt. Reverend the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, at the unanimous request of the Clergy of this State, from his late residence in Rhode-Island, to Salem in Massachusetts.

The Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., the senior presbyter of this commonwealth, and for twenty-five years rector of Trinity Church, Boston, has departed this life. The Rev. George W. Doane, assistant minister, has succeeded to the rectorship; and the Rev. John H. Hopkins, D. D., from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to the assistantcy. The Rev. Lot Jones has also been instituted rector of Christ Church, Leicester. The Rev. Alonzo Potter, in consequence of ill health, has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's, Boston. The Rev. John S. Stone, from the Diocese of Connecticut, has succeeded him in the charge of that parish, and been instituted rector of the same. Eight clergymen have removed from the State: and six clergymen have been added from other states.

Four new parishes have been organized. A magnificent granite edifice, has been erected on the site of their old house of worship, by the proprietors of Trinity Church, Boston. Four new Church edifices have also been erected and consecrated. A stone Church is nearly completed at Pittsfield, a wooden one of great neatness and beauty will soon be ready for consecration at Quincy.

Several important movements in aid of the Missionary enterprise have been made in Massachusetts within the last three years. Parochial associations have been organized

in aid of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in almost every parish; and an auxiliary society has been formed by the Convention. There has been a Missionary Lecture established in Boston, at which sermons have been preached, and collections taken up for the last eleven successive months.

The Massachusetts Episcopal State Missionary Society has also been efficiently sustained. To its instrumentality the friends of our Church at Pittsfield ascribe their present encouraging prospects. Under its auspices the ministrations of the Gospel have been revived in the ancient Church at Marblehead; and to its nursing care and protection, several of the feeble country parishes owe a debt of gratitude. The City Mission, of which the Rev. Dr. Eaton has charge, still continues in operation, and with very favourable results. The income of this Society for the last three years, has been in all about five thousand dollars. The total amount of Missionary contributions, reported to the Convention in the same time, is about seven thousand dollars.

The whole number of Baptisms reported, and published on the journals for the last three years, are 1057—of which 185 were adults. Communicants added 714. Died or removed 314. Present number 2058. Confirmations 427. The number of Sunday-school scholars reported is about 2000. Bible Classes are established in most of the parishes.

RHODE-ISLAND. Since the last General Convention, the Church in this State has been increasing in numbers, zeal, and it is believed, in piety. Most of the congregations formerly established have much increased, and are in a flourishing condition. Several new congregations have been formed. One new Church is nearly ready for consecration, and measures are in progress for erecting two others the next season.

When the present Bishop was elected, there were only two settled clergymen, and three Church edifices in the State; now there are ten clergymen, three of whom are employed as Missionaries, and eight Churches.

Within the last three years, there have been admitted seven candidates for Holy Orders. Seven have been ordained Deacons. Three Deacons have been ordained Priests.

St. Mark's Church, in Warren, a neat and beautiful edifice, has been duly consecrated to the worship of ALMIGHTY GOD.

Flourishing Sunday Schools are attached to most of the Churches.

CONNECTICUT. The Church in this Diocese is steadily increasing in number and advancing in prosperity. Since the last triennial Convention, five new parishes have been organized, and although five clergymen have deceased, the number now ecclesiastically connected with the Diocese, is sixty-five, making an increase of six, since the last report. Eleven Priests and fourteen Deacons have been ordained. Fifteen Churches have been consecrated, of which eleven are entirely new, and the other four, either repaired or finished. There are 18 candidates for Holy Orders belonging to the Diocese. 2079 persons have been confirmed; and the parochial reports from year to year show a proportionable increase of Communicants:—From sixty-five parishes, the number reported at the last Convention, was 4729, while eighteen parishes had no reports presented. This prosperity may be ascribed, under the divine blessing, to the steady and faithful administration of the word and ordinances of God, in strict conformity to the articles, rubrics and canons of the Church—to a fair and candid exhibition of the distinctive principles of our ecclesiastical polity—and to the general establishment and maintenance of Sunday Schools, and Bible and Liturgy Classes. These classes have generally proved instrumental in raising the tone of pious feeling among the members of our Church, and in many instances have been the means of turning the attention of our young men to the gospel ministry.

The Church in this Diocese has not been inattentive to the claims, either of our General Missionary Society, or of the Society within its own borders:—but the pressing demands for ministers to supply the Churches already established, and the various and immense missionary fields which are opening to us, both at home and abroad, have led to

new and increasing efforts to provide for the education of candidates for Holy Orders. The Church Scholarship Society has already proved a most effective instrument in the promotion of this object, and is now enabled to afford the most ample facilities to as many young men designed for the gospel ministry, as may stand in need of pecuniary assistance. Washington College, located in the city of Hartford, though still in its infancy, and circumscribed in its resources, is already becoming an able auxiliary to the Church. Since its foundation, thirty-six candidates for the ministry have been educated in this College, and ten of the number have been admitted to Holy Orders. In various parts of the Diocese, associations have also been formed for aiding young men, in the studies preparatory to their collegiate and theological course: and in furtherance of this object, arrangements have been made, in the recent reorganization of the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, to enable young men in this stage of their education, to maintain themselves, either entirely or in part, by manual labour.

The Diocese continues in great harmony, and is, in literal truth, as a city at unity with itself.

NEW YORK. This Diocese consists, at present, of 159 clergymen (the Bishop, 136 Presbyters, and 23 Deacons) and 188 congregations; being an increase, since the last General Convention, of 31 clergymen and 25 congregations. 31 Persons have been ordained Deacons; of whom 10 are alumni of the General Theological Seminary. 23 Deacons have been ordained Priests. 11 Rectors have been instituted into their respective rectorships. 55 Missionaries are at present employed in, and under the authority of the Diocese. There are 30 candidates for orders: of whom 15 are pursuing their studies in the General Theological Seminary.

Since the last meeting of the General Convention, this Diocese has been called to mourn the loss of its late lamented Bishop, the Right Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D. The resolutions passed by the Convention of the Diocese at its first meeting after this melancholy event, and the expression of sympathy in our bereavement from every part of our Church, abundantly testify the high estimation in which our late Bishop was held, and the great loss which the Church has sustained by his removal to another world. The Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., was elected his successor on the 9th of October, 1830, and consecrated to the Episcopacy on the 26th of November, in the same year, in St. John's Chapel, in the city of New York, by the Right Rev. William White, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, Presiding Bishop; the Right Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut; and the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania, being present and assisting.

There have departed this life since the last General Convention, beside our ever to be lamented Bishop, the Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New-York; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester; the Rev. Daniel McDonald, D. D., Professor in Geneva College; the Rev. John Sellon; the Rev. William Thompson, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; the Rev. Edmund D. Griffin, Deacon, supplying the place of the then absent Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in Columbia College; the Rev. Sutherland Douglass; the Rev. Seth Hart; and the Rev. George L. Hinton, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, New York.

Thirty-five Churches have been duly organized and received into union with the Convention. 15 churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God. The number of persons confirmed since the period embraced by the last report, has been 4195;* Baptisms (adults 1376, infants 5483, not specified 1896) 8755; Marriages 2645; Burials, (3975 in two parishes) 6817; Communicants (reported to the last Diocesan Convention in 132 parishes 7575, added in 78 parishes within the year 1244) 8819.

* This is exclusive of the Confirmations by Bishop Hobart, since the Convention of 1829, of which no record appears.

The General Theological Seminary continues to receive the patronage and support of this Diocese.

Contributions to the Episcopal Fund,	.	.	.	.	\$ 2,023 38
" Missionary Fund,	.	.	.	.	14,024 87
" Diocesan Fund,	.	.	.	.	2,342 38

Since the last General Convention, \$1176 50 have been paid into the Treasury of the Seminary, by different congregations of the Diocese. In addition to this, the St. Thomas' Church Scholarship has been completed by the contribution of \$1034. A library of text-books, and books of reference, containing more than 250 volumes, has been purchased for the use of the scholar on this foundation.

Under a Canon passed in 1829, but which was repealed at the last Convention, in consequence of the establishment of the Education and Missionary Society of the Diocese, nearly \$1000 yearly was contributed to the support of beneficiaries in the Seminary. Several beneficiaries have been supported also by other congregations.

The late Mr. George Lorillard left a legacy of \$20,000 to this Institution.

About \$5000 has been contributed to the Green Bay Mission since May, 1831, beside various boxes and packages of clothing.

The New-York Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, which for many years has been the blessed instrument of incalculable benefit to the Church in this Diocese, has, within the past year, undergone an entire change in its Constitution, and adopted education for the ministry as one of its objects. It is now the Education and Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York.

The New-York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society was established in 1831, having for its object the gratuitous provision of the ministrations of religion for the poor in the city of New-York. The Convention of the Diocese has committed to this Society, so much of the Missionary concerns of the Diocese as relates to the city of New-York. The exertions of this Society has been crowned with signal success. A large and substantial brick edifice has been purchased, consecrated, and is now opened regularly as a free Church, under the care of the Society's Missionary. Sunday schools and a daily infant school have also been established.

Sunday schools, in union with the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday-school Union, exist in almost every parish.

NEW JERSEY. The most prominent event in the history of the Church in New Jersey, since the meeting of the last General Convention, is one of a very afflicting character—the death of its Bishop. The Right Rev. John Croes, D. D., died at his residence in New Brunswick, July the 30th, 1832, having a few weeks previous completed his seventieth year. In him the Diocese lost a head who had presided over it for nearly seventeen years, with great credit to himself and usefulness to the Church—a friend who gave his heart, affections, and time to the service of his spiritual charge, with a disinterestedness seldom surpassed—a friend who had been with and aided in sustaining the Church during the period of her greatest depression, and who, having thus for more than forty years persevered in labouring for her, lived at last to see her elevated from her low estate and rising into strength and influence. As Bishop Croes was the first spiritual head the Diocese ever possessed, so he may be justly said to have been the originator and author, directly or indirectly, of almost all the institutions connected with the Diocese. He loved to labour for the Church. Her welfare was his greatest delight.

In the successor to Bishop Croes, the Rev. George W. Doane, we trust the Diocese will find a head well calculated to supply the loss sustained, and to infuse new life and energy into all her institutions.

The number of clergymen in the Diocese is at present eighteen—all presbyters. The number of congregations has not increased since the General Convention. During the recess of the General Convention, the late Bishop admitted two persons to the order of

Priesthood, and one person to the order of Deacons. Since the death of the Bishop, the Right Rev. Bishop Ives, by invitation of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, admitted one person to the order of Priesthood.

There have been eleven institutions within the last three years. Eight clergymen have been received into the Diocese. The number of clergymen 18; persons confirmed 168; Baptisms reported 517; Communicants about 900; Candidates for the ministry 2; Congregations 32.

The Sunday schools continue to flourish, and are gradually connecting themselves with the Diocesan Sunday-school Society.

The Missionary Fund, which is about the same in amount as formerly, continues to aid most materially in reviving and supporting old and decayed as well as new congregations.

The fund for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen, has of late years rapidly increased, and now amounts almost to \$15,000.

The "Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety" pursues the even and noiseless tenor of its way, doing good by the distribution of Bibles, prayer-books, tracts, aiding the Missionary Fund, and candidates for orders. Its permanent fund now exceeds \$1500.

PENNSYLVANIA. In this Diocese there are at present 65 clergymen, (the Bishop, Assistant Bishop, 53 Presbyters and 10 Deacons,) and 74 parishes; being the same number of clergymen as at the last General Convention; and an accession of 3 parishes since the General Convention of 1829. Twelve persons have been ordained Deacons; four of them by the Bishop of the Diocese, and the other eight by the Assistant Bishop. Seventeen Deacons have been ordained Priests; two of them by the Bishop, the other fifteen by the Assistant Bishop.

The following four clergymen have deceased since the last General Convention: the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, the Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D., the Rev. John T. Adderly, Deacon, and the Rev. Edward Rutledge.

Sixteen persons are candidates for holy orders.

Three churches have been duly organized, and received into union with the Convention.

Twelve Churches have been consecrated to the service of Almighty God; two of them by the Bishop, the rest by the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

One thousand and thirty-three persons have been confirmed: viz. by the Bishop of the Diocese 429; by the Assistant Bishop 604.

The number of Baptisms, as reported since the last General Convention, is 1974; of which 289 were adults, and 1685 were infants.

The number of Communicants as reported to the last Convention of the Diocese, is 2796.

Sunday schools, 443 teachers and 5028 pupils.

The funds for the support of the Episcopate, consist of the legacies of the late Rev. Doctor Pilmore, \$7969 12; and of the late Andrew Dox, \$4701 33; also of the sum raised by annual collections in the different Churches, \$13,461 27; and a loan of \$30,000.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, which has been, during the nineteen years of its existence, a most valuable auxiliary to the Church in this Diocese, still continues its important efforts. By its assistance, the Ecclesiastical authority has been enabled to employ thirteen Missionaries during the past year. The Female Tract Society, auxiliary to the Advancement Society, is one of the most efficient institutions for the purposes of its organization, of which the Protestant Episcopal Church can boast. It annually sends forth thousands of tracts, of the most useful character, which are widely disseminated not only in this Diocese, but throughout the Union. The Education Committee of the Advancement Society is employing the funds at its disposal, in preparing pious young men for admission to the General Theological Seminary, and in sustaining them while there. It has at present, three beneficiaries, who are prosecuting their studies at the General Seminary.

The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen of the

Protestant Episcopal Church, have a fund amounting to more than 50,000, and but one family who are annuitants.

A Diocesan Sunday-school Union has been organized; and the Sunday and Adult-school Society of Philadelphia, one of the oldest and most efficient institutions of our Church, for the promotion of instruction by means of Sunday schools, having transferred its funds to the new institution, has been dissolved.

In the department of Sunday school and Bible class instruction, there is a decided increase of zeal, resulting in an enlargement of the numbers instructed; and, we trust, in efficiency in building up the Church. In some of our parishes there has been a more than ordinary degree of attention to the importance of vital godliness, which has resulted in large additions to the communion of our Church.

DELAWARE. In the Diocese of Delaware, there are 15 Churches, and five resident clergymen, all of which have parishes; one, since the last report, has been removed by death. The state of the Church in a portion of the Diocese is encouraging, and there appears to be a prospect of a permanent improvement. The Missionary Society of the Diocese which had for several years suspended its labours, was at the last Convention revived. Much aid is anticipated from this Society in supplying the vacant and decayed parishes. There are Sunday schools attached to several of the Churches, which are flourishing.

The Church in Delaware (agreeable to the twentieth Canon) continues to avail itself of the valuable services of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

There are 275 Communicants. Since the last report, there have been 127 Baptisms.

Two Churches have been erected and consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

MARYLAND. The Church in this Diocese appears to be in a state of gradual improvement. For although only one has been added to the number of the clergy, since the last meeting of the General Convention; yet the parochial reports exhibit an increase of 419 Communicants, in the several parishes which enjoy the advantage of ministerial services. The vacancy in the Episcopate which existed in 1829, has been happily supplied by the election and consecration of the Right Rev. Wm. M. Stone, D. D.; whose primary visitation has given promise of very great usefulness and acceptability. At the last Diocesan Convention, the Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, created by the General Convention, was reorganized for the purpose of augmenting its efficiency; and, in its present form, it will probably do much toward reviving and building up those parishes in the State, which, from various causes, have fallen into languor and decay.

Baptisms 3202; Marriages 764; Funerals 1433; Confirmations 666.

The present number of the clergy is 52; and the present number of Communicants 2736. There are, at this time, three candidates for Orders.

VIRGINIA. Since the last meeting of the General Convention, the condition of the Church in this Diocese has been progressively improving. The number of our clergy has increased; many congregations have been reorganized in parishes where, for years, the ministrations of our Church had been unknown; some have been formed in places where our services had never been performed; some of the old Church edifices have been repaired and rescued from entire dilapidation. Several new ones have been built, and some are now in the course of erection.

During this period, 28 persons have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and 10 Deacons have been ordained Priests.

Nineteen Churches have been consecrated and set apart to the worship of Almighty God.

The number of candidates for orders in this Diocese, is at this time 25. And in addition to the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, the number of clergymen is 55; being an increase of 11 since the last report. Of these, however, three are not officiating in the Diocese. One of them, the Rev. J. H. Hill, being in Greece, in the employment of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and the other two, the Rev. Caleb I. Good, and the Rev.

Leonidas Polk, having been for some time past prevented by ill health from discharging the duties of the ministry.

According to the best data that can be obtained, the number of Communicants belonging to the Church in this Diocese, may be estimated at about 3000.

It is not, however, in its external condition only, that the Church in this Diocese has increased. The tone of piety among its members has been advancing, and it is believed to be at this time of a more Scriptural character, than at any former period. The Gospel is generally preached in simplicity and with faithfulness, and by the blessing of God, is rendered effectual in turning many unto righteousness. And the increasing interest which is manifested in behalf of Missionary and Education Societies, and other objects of Christian benevolence, evidences a nearer approach to the full spirit of that religion, which has for its author and its end, the God who is love.—While the more frequent exhibition made by our clergy, of those excellences of our Church which result from the apostolical character of its ministry; the devotional spirit of its services, and the liberal but efficient structure of its constitution and government, is gradually and effectually strengthening and enlightening the attachment of its friends, and at the same time removing those prejudices which ignorance had generated, and which have long presented a great obstacle to its advancement.

Our Diocesan Theological Seminary, has been a very prominent instrument in the production of the present encouraging state of our Church: and its condition at this time, gives a fairer promise of usefulness, than at any former period. At our last Diocesan Convention an effort was commenced for placing the Institution on a more permanent foundation, by raising, in addition to its present funds, the sum of \$25,000; nearly one half of this amount has already been subscribed. An additional building for the accommodation of students is in progress, and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

NORTH-CAROLINA. This Diocese, since the last General Convention, has been called to mourn the death of its beloved and venerated Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John S. Ravenscroft, to whose apostolic principles, primitive piety, and energetic labours, the Church chiefly owes her firm establishment and future hopes. The vacancy thus caused, has been happily supplied by the election and consecration of the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives, D. D., under whose superintendence there is a cheering prospect that the Church will continue to flourish and grow with increased vigor.

The Missionary Society has been reorganized, under the title of the Bible, Common Prayer-Book, Tract and Missionary Society of North-Carolina, and promises much good to the Church. Several Missionaries have been employed with decidedly good effect in reviving old congregations, and establishing new ones. Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and Female Associations of Industry for the benefit of the Church, have continued to be cherished with much advantage to the cause of CHRIST.

Communicants 900 (increase 260); Baptisms 698; Confirmations 413; Marriages 89; Burials 140; Sunday-school scholars 800; Teachers not ascertained; Ordinations, Presbyters 3, Deacons 4; Candidates for Orders 3; Congregations 33. Funds for the Episcopate \$12,000.

SOUTH-CAROLINA. In this Diocese there are 50 organized congregations: 8 are without a minister. St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston, is for the use of the poor of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Minister is maintained by the "Charleston Protestant Episcopal Domestic Missionary Society." This Society, instituted in 1821, and the Chapel consecrated March 1824, it is believed, are of earlier date than the institutions of the same kind, in other Dioceses of our Church. The clergy consist of the Bishop, 32 Presbyters, and 3 Deacons: 26 are pastorally employed, 1 is principal of the College in Charleston, and 9 are without cures. Within the period embraced by this report, there have been admitted three persons to the Holy Order of Deacons, and four Deacons have been advanced to the next order in the sacred ministry. Two clergymen have removed from the

Diocese; one clergyman has come into it; and the Rev. T. Mills, D. D., has departed this life. Six persons are candidates for Holy Orders. There have been consecrated five Churches; Confirmed 360; Baptized, adults, 81 white and 156 coloured: infants, 795 white and 184 coloured; Marriages, 194 white and 80 coloured; Burials, 478 white and 101 coloured; Communicants, 1582 white and 492 coloured.

Sunday Schools exist in connexion with 14 of our Churches, but in several of the country parishes, it is found impracticable to establish them. The number of teachers reported is 149, and of scholars, 730 white and 246 coloured. The books of our "Sunday-school Union" are highly approved, and generally used. The "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina" is a Missionary, Bible and Prayer-Book, Tract and Education Society. In its service, there have been employed, during the last three years, for a greater or less time, eleven Missionaries. Beside this, there are two Missionary Societies, four Bible, Prayer-Book and Tract Societies; and two Scholarships, one not yet filled up, the other has for several years been assisting a candidate for Holy Orders at our "General Theological Seminary." To this institution, the attachment of the members of the Church generally in our Diocese, continues unabated, and gratitude is felt to be most justly due to its Trustees and Professors, for their unwearied efforts to render it a blessing to the Church.

The "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society," instituted by the General Convention, has in this Diocese five patrons, twenty-one life, and eight annual members. The monthly publication, "The Gospel Messenger and Southern Episcopal Register" commenced in 1824, is still continued, by ministers of our Church.

The fund for the support of the Episcopal office is slowly increasing and amounts to \$10,544 25, invested in public securities.

GEORGIA. The triennial report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, is necessarily little more than a recapitulation of former reports, involving a renewal of regret that so extensive a field of labour should remain uncultivated: no addition having been made since the last General Convention to the number of clergy or congregations. But it is consolatory to know that the Church, in those portions of the Diocese in which it has been established, is in a prosperous and flourishing condition. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes have been organized, and are in successful operation in three of the parishes. There are various associations for missionary purposes. The Rev. T. S. W. Mott, has removed from this Diocese to that of South-Carolina. The Rev. Hugh Smith has removed to the Diocese of Connecticut; and the Rev. Edward E. Ford has been received into this Diocese, by virtue of letters dimissory from that of New-Jersey. The Rev. S. C. Bragg has accepted an invitation to the charge of Christ Church, Macon, and is expected to enter upon the duties of his engagement in January next. The Rev. Theodore B. Bartow has been admitted to Deacons' and Priests' Orders, by the Rt. Rev. N. Bowen, D. D., acting under the provision of the 20th Canon of 1808. The annexed statistical table contains a summary of the parochial reports.

Organized Congregations 4; Clergy (Presbyters) 3; Communicants 241; Sunday Schools 3; Sunday-school Teachers 35; Sunday Scholars 250; Ordination 1; Baptisms 139; Burials 79; Marriages 46; Confirmed 48; Missionary contributions, \$2000.

OHIO. The number of clergymen in the Diocese of Ohio is seventeen, thirteen Presbyters, and four Deacons. Since August, 1829, Messrs. James McElroy, John O'Brien, Henry Caswall, and George Denison, have been admitted to the order of Deacons; and the Rev. Alva Sanford and James McElroy, to the order of Priests.

The Rev. G. McMillan has removed to the Diocese of Kentucky, the Rev. Amos G. Baldwin to New-York, the Rev. N. Stem to Pennsylvania, and the Rev. John O'Brien and the Rev. Silas C. Freeman to Michigan. The Rev. John P. Robinson also is believed to have removed from the Diocese of Ohio.

The additions to the Diocese from abroad, are the Rev. R. T. Rogers from England, and the Rev. W. R. Lyster from Ireland.

The number of candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese is eleven; the number of Baptisms since the last General Convention, is 646, of which 65 were adult; the number of Confirmations 262; and the number of persons added to the Communion 468; Five Churches have been built and as many more commenced. Four Churches have been consecrated.

KENTUCKY. The delegation from Kentucky report the following account of the state of the Church in that Diocese. Since the last General Convention there has been a very great increase in the Church. There was at that time but one officiating minister in the Diocese; there was not a single candidate; there were but three organized parishes, and only two buildings for public worship. There are at the present moment seven officiating Presbyters; six candidates for Holy Orders; seven organized parishes; three buildings for public worship; the parish of Paris is building a fourth, and subscriptions have been made for two more, in Hopkinsville and Henderson, which there is reason to believe will be built in the course of the coming summer. These facts afford evidence of a growing interest in the Church, and others might be mentioned going to show the same at many points in the Diocese.

There is reason to believe also that the concern of the members of the Church relative to their personal interest in the atonement made for them and for all by our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, is greatly increased. There is, indeed, in this respect, above all others most important to every man, a manifest improvement—an increased and an increasing interest in old and young; and it is but justice to say, and the delegation is more free to speak on this occasion, as it is a lay delegation only, that the ministry in the Diocese have shown such devotion to the cause of religion, such disinterestedness in giving themselves to the cause where the inducements, as to temporal concerns, are as yet so small, and in refusing to leave the ground they have occupied and broken up, notwithstanding very tempting offers made to some of them, as to encourage the hope, nay the confident expectation, that the good cause will continually gain ground, until the Gospel of CHRIST shall be preached to the Church of CHRIST in every corner of the land.

Baptisms 76; Burials 45; Marriages 29; Communicants 217; Confirmed 21; Churches 3; Clergymen 9; candidates for Holy Orders 6; Collections for missions and education of young men preparing for the ministry \$1310.

MISSISSIPPI. In the Diocese of Mississippi the present condition of the Church varies not materially from what it was at the period of the last General Convention. The number, (viz. four,) of organized parishes remains the same. The congregations and Communicants have stood as they were in respect to numbers, except a small accession to the latter. These parishes have been all since their formation destitute of the public services of the Church for several months in succession, occasioned by the death or removal of ministers. This privation accounts principally for the hitherto rather stationary character of the parishes. They are, however, reviving and gaining strength in some encouraging measure.

The Church in Mississippi availing itself of the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell's visit to the Western and Southern States, under the provisions of the twentieth canon of 1808, invited him to perform Episcopal offices in this Diocese. One Deacon was admitted by Bishop Brownell to Priests' Orders. Three Churches have been consecrated, and the holy rite of Confirmation was administered to many persons.

Three persons have removed from the Diocese. Two clergymen from other dioceses have been received into this Diocese.

The Rev. John C. Porter, late Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez, has, in the early period of his ministry and in the midst of his usefulness, been called from the scene of his labours here on earth, to join the Church triumphant. In this secluded region, where many labourers are needed, and but few are found, his loss is deeply felt.

The officiating clergy resident in the Diocese are but two in number, who have their respective cures embracing the charge one of a single parish, of the other two parishes. The fourth and last is at present unoccupied by a minister.

The main obstacle to the extension of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese is the insufficient supply of clergymen. Until this evil is remedied the progress of the Church cannot be, humanly speaking, otherwise than very gradual, if indeed it will not be confined to the situations where at present established. The earnest desire therefore is, that the Lord of the harvest will speedily send forth more labourers into this quarter of the spiritual vineyard.

Baptisms (adults 8, infants 68) 76; Marriages 21; Funerals 16; Communicants 60; Clergymen 4; Parishes 4, vacant do. 1; Families 120; Confirmations —; Sunday scholars 30; Sunday-school teachers 8; Ordained Priest 1.

TENNESSEE. The Church in this State was admitted into union with the General Convention at its last session. It then consisted of four congregations, with two Presbyters and one Deacon. It has at present nine congregations, five Presbyters and one Deacon. One Church, the first in the State, has been erected since the last Convention, and two others are nearly completed.

Messrs. John Chilton and Samuel G. Litton have been admitted to Deacons' Orders by the Right Rev. Bishop Ives, of North-Carolina, during a visit made by him to the Churches of Tennessee last summer, at the request of the Standing Committee; and the Rev. John Chilton to Priests' Orders.

The Rev. Thomas Wainwright, of North-Carolina, has removed into this State, with letters dimissory from the Bishop of that Diocese.

Five new congregations have been organized, and it is anticipated that all of them will be shortly supplied with ministerial services.

In four congregations, in which only has confirmation been administered, the number Confirmed is 70. The whole number of Baptisms reported is 78; the whole number of Communicants reported is 80, of which number 50 have been added in the recess of the Convention.

There is at present but one candidate for Holy Orders.

Since the last Convention, the Churches in this State have been favoured with visits from the Right Rev. Dr. Meade, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, and the Right Rev. Dr. Ives, Bishop of North Carolina, both of whom were kindly received, and contributed to the advancement of the Church in this State.

The incipient state of all things connected with the Church in Tennessee, has hitherto prevented much attention to Sunday schools. There are, however, three such schools well attended and in a flourishing condition; and the number is expected shortly to increase. Between 250 and 300 children are receiving instruction in these schools. They are in connexion with the General Sunday-school Union of our Church.

A Missionary Fund has been established, composed of an annual grant from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and collections made within the State. Two clergymen are at present assisted by this fund.

ALABAMA. There are now in this Diocese four organized Churches, and two officiating clergymen, one of whom has resided in this State about six months, and the other only a few weeks. The number of Communicants is not precisely known. There are no candidates for the ministry. This Diocese is chiefly interesting as a promising field for clerical and episcopal labours. Those Churches which have received the regular services of clergymen have grown with uncommon rapidity; and there is reason to believe that under a judicious ministry, many other Churches might be organized and built up with a success which few other parts of our country promise.

The population of Alabama, between the years 1810 and 1830, has increased from 10,000 to upward of 300,000. Many large villages are scattered over the Diocese which

are rapidly increasing in wealth and population. The soil of the State is very fertile, and its rivers are numerous and navigable; and the present seems to be a peculiarly favourable time, for laying firmly the foundation of our Church, in this very interesting and promising portion of our country.

POSTURES PROPER AT THE COMMUNION.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, having at the last Convention, requested the House of Bishops to express their opinion as to the proper postures to be used in the Communion office, with a view of effecting uniformity in that respect, during its celebration, and the request having been then ordered to lie on the table for future consideration, the House of Bishops now communicate to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the opinion thus requested of them, as follows:—

First, with regard to the officiating priest, they are of opinion that as the Holy Communion is of a spiritually sacrificial character, the standing posture should be observed by him, wherever that of kneeling is not expressly prescribed, to wit; in all parts, including the ante-communion and post-communion, except the confession, and the prayer immediately preceding the prayer of consecration.

Secondly, with regard to the people, the Bishops are of the opinion that they should observe the kneeling posture during all the prayers and other acts of devotion, except the *Gloria in excelsis*, when standing is required by the rubric, and except, also, during the allowed portion of the Hymns in metre, when the analogy of our services requires the same posture. The same analogy, as well as fitness of posture for the succeeding private devotions, which are required alike by propriety and godly custom, supposes *kneeling* as the posture in which to receive the final blessing.

Analogy, also, and the expression at the close of the shorter exhortation immediately preceding the confession, as well as the rubric before the confession, which suppose the posture of kneeling to be *there* assumed, indicate that that exhortation, and the longer one immediately preceding, should be heard by the people *standing*.

The postures, therefore, proper to be observed by the people during the Communion office, the Bishops believe to be as follows:—

Kneeling, during the whole of the ante-communion, except the epistle, which is to be heard in the usual posture for hearing the Scriptures, and the Gospel, which is ordered to be heard *standing*.

The sentences of the offertory to be heard *sitting*, as the most favourable posture for handing alms, &c., to the person collecting.

Kneeling to be observed during the prayer for the Church militant.

Standing during the exhortations.

Kneeling to be then resumed, and continued until after the prayer of consecration.

Standing at the singing of the hymn.

Kneeling, when receiving the elements, and during the post-communion, or that part of the service which succeeds the delivering and receiving of the elements, except the *Gloria in excelsis*, which is to be said or sung *standing*. After which the congregation should again *kneel* to receive the blessing.

The House of Bishops are gratified at the opportunity afforded them by the above noticed request of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, of contributing to what they hope will be perfect uniformity in all our Churches in the matter now before them

SUMMARY OF EPISCOPAL ACTS.

Churches consecrated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Priests ordained,	92	}	-	-	-	-	-	-	211
Deacons ordained,	119		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Candidates for Orders,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,836

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Clergy reported in 18 Dioceses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	592
Parishes " 12 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	468
Families " 7 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,113
Baptisms, { Adults reported in 14 Dioceses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,394	} 23,137
{ Infants " 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,138	
{ Not specified 2 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	596	
Communicants added in 12 Dioceses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,735
Total of Communicants in 16 Dioceses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,939
Marriages reported in 13 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,449
Burials, " 13 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,060
Sunday Scholars reported in 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,218
Sunday-school Teachers " 10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,743

NOTICE.

The next General Convention will be held in Philadelphia, on the third Wednesday in August, 1835.

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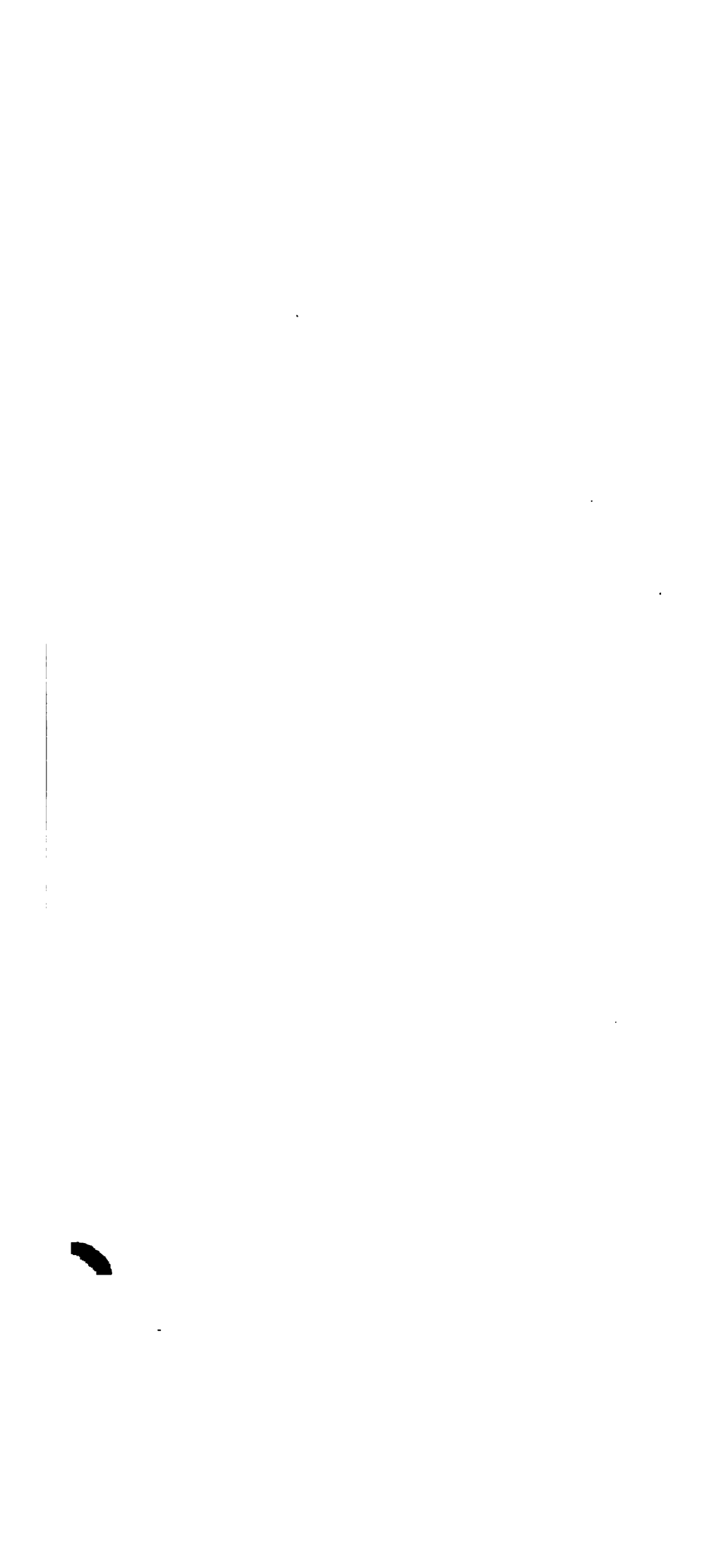
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ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY,
AND OF THE LAITY,

It is a duty, as pleasing as it is profitable, which, by the 51st canon of our Church, devolves upon each of her Bishops, that "at every annual diocesan convention," he "shall deliver an address, stating the affairs of the diocese, since the last meeting of the Convention; the names of the Churches which he has visited; the number of persons confirmed; the names of those who have been received as candidates for orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended or degraded; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and, in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the diocese." It is a pleasing office,—as it records, from year to year, the duties which, in our Master's strength, we have discharged, and renews again the services in which we have engaged together; and eminently profitable,—since, besides its obvious importance in enabling us to procure, from time to time, "a full and accurate view of the state of the Church," it supplies the members of each diocese with that authentic and interesting information, which is so essential to fulfil the Apostolic injunction to a primitive bishop,—to "set in order the things that are wanting;"* and that other most affecting charge of the Lord Jesus himself, to another in the same office of the ministry,—"be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die!"† May the same Lord give us all grace to take good heed to that earnest and most pregnant admonition, which he has thereto subjoined,—"if, therefore, thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what time I will come upon thee!"‡

With the circumstances, which in the course of divine Providence, have brought me into the responsible and interesting relation with the diocese of New Jersey, which, by your too favourable considera-

*The Apostle Paul to Titus, diocesan Bishop of Crete. *Titus*, I. 5.

†The message of Him whom John saw, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, to "the Angel,"—messenger, or diocesan bishop,—"of the Church in Sardis." *Revelations*, III. 2.

‡*Revelations*, III. 3.

tion, I hold, you, my brethren and friends, are more intimately acquainted than I am myself. Resident then in a distant diocese, I had not received the slightest intimation that your regards had been turned towards me, when the official evidences of my election to the Episcopate were placed in my hands, on the evening of the 6th day of October last, by the very respectable Committee appointed by the Convention, to proceed to Boston for that purpose. The fearful responsibility thus devolved upon me, to decide, for myself and for the Church, a question of such importance, before wholly unthought of, was not a little enhanced by the consideration, that in less than twelve days, the General Convention was to hold its session, in the city of New York; during which it was greatly desired that the consecration, no impediment interfering, should take place. On the 19th day of October, convinced, on principles which have been, long since, deliberately adopted as the rules of my life, and by the concurring judgments of those who were best fitted to form an accurate decision in the premises, that such was my duty to His Church, whose soldier and servant I am,—I communicated to the committee above named, my letter of acceptance; and on the 31st day of the same month, was consecrated to the office of a Bishop in the Church of God, by the venerable and Rt. Rev. Dr. WHITE, the presiding Bishop, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. ONDERDONK, of New York, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. IVES of North Carolina. That the solemnities of that day may be propitious to this our portion of the vineyard of the Lord, and promotive, now and hereafter, of the kingdom and glory of our divine Redeemer, let me have, brethren, as I most truly need, your fervent and continual prayers!

Unable, at so late a period of the year, to effect my removal to this diocese, and at the same time under obligations of duty and of affection, to consent to the request, that I would continue until Easter, so far as my new engagements should allow, in the charge of my former parish, I made arrangements for accomplishing a visitation of the diocese, before the setting in of winter. It was made much more rapidly than of choice it would have been: but the lateness of the season, and peculiar domestic circumstances, allowed me no alternative, between such a visitation, and its delay till spring.

I commenced my primary visitation, on Wednesday, November 28th, at Christ Church, New Brunswick; where I preached in the evening, to a large and very respectable congregation,—the service being read

the Rev. William Douglas, the laborious minister of the Churches Woodbridge, Piscataway, and Alexandria. I was induced to enter my official labours at this point, that I might follow more immediately in the footsteps of my venerated predecessor, who, for thirty years, ministered in holy things to the people of that congregation. I was desirous also thus especially to acknowledge the friendly attentions shown to myself personally, and the valuable services so long and faithfully rendered to the diocese, by him, who bearing the name, has worthily succeeded to the parochial charge of the lamented incumbent. It was the object of the discourse, here, and elsewhere, delivered,

the visitation sermon, to set forth the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ,—the “counsel of God,” as St. Paul denominates it, *the whole of which*, the Christian minister, who would keep himself pure from the blood of all men,” is bound to declare.

On the morning of Thursday, the 29th, I was carried by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Croes, on my way to Middletown, as far as Pleasant Valley; where the Rev. Mr. Finch was waiting to convey me to the churches at Middletown and Shrewsbury, under his pastoral charge. After dining in Middletown with Judge Pintard, a venerable and devoted Churchman, of the generous blood of the Huguenots, we repaired to Christ Church; where, after the service by the Rector, I preached a visitation sermon.

Thence we rode to Shrewsbury, where to a large congregation, soon we found assembled, and anxious for the word, I preached again, the Rector, as before, performing the service. This is an ancient church, but in good repair. I found among the people a lively interest in the concern which is most important to us all; and, among some the older members especially, a zealous and highly intelligent devotion to the distinctive principles of the Church. In an age like ours, great division on religious subjects, and still greater indifference to such that is purest and most primitive, I cannot too earnestly impress upon my brethren of the Clergy, the importance of a constant instruction by catechetical and other instructions,—through the favourable medium, especially, of the Sunday School and Bible Classes,—of those fundamental principles of Apostolic truth and order, which constitute together our inestimable Christian heritage,—“the means of grace,” preparing us for the attainment, through the Saviour’s merits, of “the life of glory.” There can be no better pattern for our imitation than the Psalmist has sketched,—“Hear my law, O my people; incline

your ears unto the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare hard sentences of old, which we have heard and known, and *such as our fathers* have told us; that we should not hide them from *the children of the generations to come*; but to shew the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done. He made a covenant with Jacob, and made Israel a law, which she commanded our forefathers *to teach their children*; that *their posterity might know it, and the children which were yet unborn*; to the intent, that when they came up, they might *show their children the same* :”—

“That generations yet to come,
 “Should to their unborn heirs,
 “Religiously transmit the same,
 “And they again to theirs.”

The next day, November 30th, Friday, Mr. Finch carried me as far as Freehold; where the Rev. Mr. Ward, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, officiates a part of the time, whom we found waiting to receive us. After the morning service, which he conducted, I preached to a congregation, apparently of much more than ordinary intelligence. Freehold is the county town, and is a place of increasing importance. It ought to have, and, in the opinion of Mr. Ward, (whose experience and active exertions in behalf of the Church, entitle his judgment to much confidence,) might have, with a little effort and attention, the constant services of a clergyman. I shall not feel quite satisfied until the experiment has at least been made. A flourishing church once existed here; and the thing which hath been, the Christian, in his Master's strength, should always reason, is the thing which may be.

From Freehold, I was conveyed by Mr. Ward, to Spotswood, and in the evening, preached in St. Peter's Church, to a very interesting congregation. This ancient church offers another evidence of what zeal, fidelity and perseverance, under God, may accomplish in a good cause, with the smallest means, and against the most adverse circumstances; and appears to be now eminently prosperous under the faithful and assiduous ministrations of its worthy rector.

From Spotswood, I was carried on the morning of Saturday, December 1st, to Price's Point, where I took the steam boat for the city of New York, and thence crossed to Jersey City, in time for my appointment of an evening service. In the Rector of St. Matthew's, the Rev. Dr. Barry, I am proud and happy to recognize the faithful instruc-

of my youth, and the constant friend of more than six and twenty
 ars. There was a mutual satisfaction in our meeting which it were
 t easy to express, and which neither of us will be likely to forget.
 y the exemplary efforts of the Rector, aided, not only by his own at-
 ched and zealous little flock, but by the generous bounty of his nu-
 ous and uniformly grateful pupils, in New York, and elsewhere, a
 btantial and becoming edifice of stone is in course of erection. In
 e mean time, the congregation worship in a large and commodious
 per room; where, the Rector reading the service, I preached the vi-
 ation sermon.

Sunday, December 2. early in the morning, I was conveyed, by Dr.
 rry's kind attention, to Newark; where, in that very beautiful ed-
 e, Trinity Church, I preached to a large and attentive congrega-
 n,—the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Henderson, reading prayers. This
 portant parish, after many vicissitudes, now appears to be in every
 pect prosperous. I anticipate from the abundant means which it
 oys, and the excellent spirit which actuates its members, beneficial
 ults to the whole diocese. Short as my stay was, I saw sufficient
 dence of the zeal and fidelity with which the pastoral duties are
 re discharged to a large and increasing congregation.

in the afternoon, Mr. Henderson accompanying me, we were very
 dly conveyed by Mr. Sheldon Smith to Belleville, where I preached
 Christ Chapel. The services of the Church were very gratefully
 eived by this interesting little congregation, who have been for
 ae time without a minister. Finding Mr. John P. Lathrop, a can-
 ate for orders of the diocese of New York, resident here, in the
 rge of a female Academy, I authorized him, with the consent of
 right reverend brother of that diocese, to officiate in the Chapel,
 lay reader. In addition to this, by the zealous liberality of the
 v. Messrs. Holmes and Whittingham;—the former, the Rector of
 Mark's Church, Orange; the latter, of St. Luke's Church, New
 rk;—frequent Clerical services have been performed, and the Holy
 mmunion administered. I cannot omit the present opportunity of
 ressing my high sense of the devotion to the interests of the Church,
 played by the reverend gentleman last named,—who, on leave of ab-
 ice from his parish, and resident in this diocese, for the redemption of
 editorial engagement of the highest importance to the cause of sound
 rning and pure religion, has employed his leisure in the discharge
 public ministrations, as valuable and acceptable to the Church, as

they are promptly and freely rendered. While I thus publicly acknowledge the importance of the services to our vacant or infant Churches, I desire also to put on record, that others may follow it, the pious and praiseworthy example. *

After service, we returned to Newark, where I had consented, at the unexpected request of the Young Mens' Society, to supply the place of their monthly preacher, the Rev. Dr. Milnor, who had been prevented from fulfilling his engagement. After the evening service had been read by the Rector, I delivered a discourse, in defence of the position, (often controverted, and in high places,) that "man is responsible for his belief;"—considering that the young men of the present day are in no way more endangered, than by the attempts every where made to remove from their minds the foundations of the Christian faith, and so to undermine the whole fabric of morality. The Church was completely filled; and it was a delightful spectacle to behold three or four hundred young men assembled of their own accord, in the Sanctuary of God, and thus evincing their determination, by divine grace, to "cleanse their way" according to the admonition of David, even "by taking heed thereto according to His word."

On Monday morning, December 3, I set out for Paterson, and taking breakfast, by appointment, at Egerton, the hospitable mansion of John Rutherford Esq., was conveyed, with his habitual politeness, in his carriage, (the weather being very stormy,) to Paterson, and thence to Orange. I reached the first named place in time for my appointment of a morning service. The prayers being read by the Minister, the Rev. Mr. Williston, I preached the visitation sermon. I was much pleased with the spirit manifested by several of the members of the parish, whom I met at the house of Mr. Collett; and could not but regret that I had no better opportunity, from the inclemency of the day, to see that very thriving town.

In the afternoon, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Holmes, who had come to meet me, we set out for Orange; where I was much pleased to meet the Rev. Mr. Whittingham, then resident there, and the Rev. Mr. Peters, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Morristown. My appointment was for the evening; when the Rev. Mr. Peters read the service, and I preached. The Church, a very substantial edifice of hewn stone, is of recent erection. Instances of generosity in providing for the house of God, and the offices thereof, have been exhibited here, among a community of plain farmers, which rarely occur in our most

healthy congregations. In intelligent attachment to her distinctive principles, as well as in the generous and manly support of her institutions and altars, there are no truer sons of the Church than I found here. The evening was spent delightfully, and, I trust, profitably, with my clerical brethren, in discoursing of the great interests committed to us; which, with ourselves, were, at the close, commended to the Keeper of Israel in prayer.

On the next morning, Tuesday, December 4, we set out, the Rev. Messrs Holmes, Whittingham, and Peters accompanying me, under convoy of Dr. Johnes, who had come down from Morristown, to carry us up. In the company of so many of the Clergy, I felt strengthened and refreshed; and our ride was not, I trust, without its benefit to the Church, in the plans which we concerted for the extension of her orders. I found here another new, neat, and solid edifice of stone, and a highly intelligent congregation. I preached, in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Whittingham reading the service. In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Holmes reading the service, I preached again—"Christ crucified, the attractive principle of Christianity."

Wednesday, December 5, in the same company, set out for Newton. In the evening, preached the visitation sermon, in Christ Church; the Rev. Messrs. Whittingham and Peters, performing the service. In the plain, but tasteful, edifice of stone, which I found here; the crowded congregation that was gathered; and the valuable glebe and parsonage, reclaimed and rendered productive,—I recognized the most indubitable evidence of the wisdom, forecast and fidelity of my venerable predecessor, and of the industry, prudence, economy and perseverance of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Dunn; who came here but a few years since, a missionary, and, under whose fostering care, all these things have grown from almost nothing. The recollection of Mr. Dunn, as an esteemed and respected class-mate, of my college years, added not a little to the pleasure of our interview.

On the next morning, Thursday, December 6, our little company increased by the addition of Mr. Dunn, we set out for Hope, much indebted for the comfort and enjoyment of our ride to Major Anderson, who gave up his carriage and horses, for two days, to the service of the Church. St. Luke's Church, Hope, a singularly well proportioned and pleasing structure of grey lime-stone, is not yet complete. The formation and increase of this parish, and the erection, thus far, of a Church, are a striking illustration of the acceptableness of our in-

stitutions and services. Until since my visit, the worship of the Church has been conducted there almost exclusively by a lay-reader. Mr. (now the Rev. Mr.) Jaques has devoted himself to the cause with an energy and assiduity seldom equalled: and should his success as a clergyman be correspondent to that which has attended his labours as a candidate for orders, the Church will possess in him a most valuable servant. His services have not been confined to Hope,—where his personal superintendence of the building under erection has been of great importance to its tasteful and substantial architecture,—but have extended to Knowlton and to Belvidere; and I was much pleased to find how wholesome an influence he had exercised in all the neighbouring region. I preached here, the service being performed by the Rev. Mr. Peters, in the dwelling house of E. H. Swayze Esq. and was much gratified by the devout attention of the little flock that was assembled there. It is on such occasions, that we especially appropriate that precious promise of the Saviour, “wherever *two or three* are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

From Hope we proceeded to Belvidere, with Mr. Jaques added to our company. There is no Church here, nor as yet, an organized parish of our communion; though there are many who desire it, and a very generous bequest, with a conditional donation, has been made for that object. By the polite attention of the Judges and the Bar, the court, which was then in session, adjourned on our arrival, and offered us the court house; where, after the evening service, by the Rev Mr. Holmes, I preached from John XI: 32, 33.

In the morning, after visiting several families, encouraging them in their desired enterprise of building a Church, and baptising a child, I proceeded with the same party to Knowlton. The venerable edifice of St. James' Church, we found crowded with expectant hearers. “Great,” too, “was the company of the preachers.” The Rev. Mr. Beasley, of the diocese of Pennsylvania, whose disinterested and highly acceptable labours at Harmony, in this diocese, give promise of great usefulness in forming a new congregation, and deserve our warmest thanks, was here in waiting for us, so, that we numbered in all *six* clergymen,—the greatest number, doubtless, that were ever together in this region. The various services were so distributed that each had his part; and after the visitation sermon, baptism was administered by me to an adult, *ten* persons were confirmed, and the Lord's Supper was administered. I never witnessed a more attentive and engag-

ongregation; and the sentiment seemed universal, in which we of Clergy deeply partook,—“It is good for us to be here.” Though in ember, it was a day of vernal mildness and beauty; and as the gregation threaded their way homeward from the rude old Church, : stands in a lonely glen, under a high romantic bluff, it was a to delight a painter’s eye, and a Christian’s heart. I have n felt, but never more than on this occasion, the weight and rest which the presence of the Clergy lends to our public services. is that the only advantage. The bonds are strengthened between hren, while their intercourse with their spiritual head is mutually sing and profitable. It is an easy and a pleasant way to get, and o, much good. I commend the practice earnestly to my brethren is diocese.

rom Knowlton, we returned in the afternoon to Newton;—whence, Saturday morning, we took the stage; the Clergy for their several shes, and I for Newark, and thence for Elizabethtown.

unday morning, December 9, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Noble, ling the service, I preached the visitation sermon in St. John’s rch, Elizabethtown; a parish well known to me in other days, endeared by many sacred associations with the departed and the d. It was a very stormy day, and I had but little opportunity o the congregation.

the afternoon, I was conveyed by my valued friend, Mr. Chet- d, to Amboy; where, in the evening, I preached in the ancient ce of St. Peter’s Church,—the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Chapman, ling the service.

Monday, December 10, I was carried by Mr. Parker to Woodbridge; re, in the morning, I preached in Trinity Church,—as, in the after- a, I did in St. James’ Church, Piscataway; the minister of both, Rev. Mr. Douglass, in both cases reading prayers. It was strongly y mind, in the last named Church, that it had been the scene of earliest labours of my ever to be lamented friend, and father in Church, the Right Reverend Bishop Hobart. In the evening, I s to New Brunswick, and preached in Christ Church, “the Chris- , not his own, but bought with a price;” the Rev. Mr. Ward ling the service.

Tuesday, December 11, after assisting at the examination of Mr. nes for deacon’s orders, I rode to Trenton, and preached the tation sermon in St. Michael’s Church, in the evening; the Rector,

the Rev Dr. Beasley, reading the service. A very rainy night, but a very attentive congregation. The Church here is among the most chaste and commodious that I have seen, and every thing is in admirable order.

Wednesday, December 12, I took the steam-boat early in the morning for Burlington. Preached in St. Mary's Church, the visitation sermon, the Rev. Mr. Ward, reading the morning service: Admitted Mr. Peter L. Jaques to the holy order of deacons: the candidate being presented by the Rev. Mr. Ward,—the Rev. Dr. Wharton, the venerable Rector, assisting at the Communion; and the Rev. Mr. Morehouse being also present. The Rev. Mr. Jaques was authorized to preach, and appointed missionary to the Churches in Warren county; among which, his services as lay reader have been so faithful, and so much blessed.

In the afternoon, I was carried by the Rev. Mr. Morehouse to Mount Holly; where I preached, in the evening, in St. Andrew's Church, of which he is Rector, to a full congregation.

In the morning, December 13, I rode to Colestown. Read the service, and preached in St. Mary's Church, "Christ, the hope of glory." In the afternoon rode to Camden, and preached in the evening, in the City Hall, the visitation sermon; the interesting little flock in this place having as yet, no Church edifice. There is a favourable opening here, which from the want of a settled minister, has not been duly improved. This deficiency will, I trust, soon be supplied; and, should the congregation here, unite with that at Colestown, a comfortable support might be offered, and a favourable result, with God's blessing, speedily secured.

Friday, December 14, by the politeness of Mr. Sloan, I was conveyed to Berkeley; where, in St. Peter's Church, after morning service, I preached, "the Son of man, seeking and saving them which were lost,"—and administered the rite of confirmation to *fourteen* persons. This Church had been for some time vacant; and I was the more gratified to see so many come forward, evidently under the deepest impressions of its sacredness and solemnity, to submit themselves to the laying on of hands, after the manner of the Apostles. The want of labourers has been sorely felt in this portion of the vineyard. I have a good hope that a better state of things will ere long be granted to our fervent prayers. Not, however, let it be remembered, without our vigorous efforts, as in our Master's cause, so in

our Master's strength. Blessed be his holy name, that in all our efforts in his service, he has promised to be with us, "even unto the end of the world!"

In the afternoon, I was carried by the Rev. Mr. Nash to Swedesborough; where, in the evening, in Trinity Church, of which he is minister, I preached the visitation sermon, the Rev. Robert Davis, of the diocese of Pennsylvania, reading the service;—and then administered the rite of confirmation to *thirty* persons. There had been, as I was informed, an unusual interest in religious subjects in that vicinity, and I was very glad to see it evinced in a due recognition of the institutions of the Church, and a solemn reception of its ordinances. In this respect we are peculiarly blessed in our maintenance of the primitive and Apostolic order. Its wholesome restraints afford an admirable criterion, in times of great religious excitement, to "try the spirits, whether they are of God." The piety, however fervent it may seem, which disregards the Apostolic injunction, "let all things be done decently and in order," is not born of that true "wisdom, which is from above;" for "God is not a God of confusion, but of order, as in all Churches of the saints." On the present occasion, a very large congregation gave to the word preached the deepest, and most respectful attention; and the recipients of the Apostolic rite, evinced in their devout and becoming deportment a deep impression of its nature and importance. It was an affecting, and, I cannot but believe, a profitable, service.

On Saturday morning, December 15, Mr. Nash carried me to Mullica Hill; where I preached in St. Stephen's Church, from 1 Corinthians VI; 19, 20; and was afterwards conveyed, by the kindness of Mr. Chatham, the roads being very bad, and the day stormy, to Salem, where my engagements were for the following day.

Sunday, December 16, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Mason, reading the morning service, I preached the visitation sermon in St. John's Church, to a large, intelligent, and highly respectable congregation. The Church in this pleasant town, is decidedly prosperous, and the faithful labours of its worthy minister are much blessed. There is good reason to hope that a new edifice, which is much needed, will soon be erected. In the afternoon, we rode with Mr. Sinnickson to Penn's Neck, where I preached from Luke XIX; 10. In the evening, returning to Salem, I preached again, in St. John's Church, from those en-

couraging words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,—“and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” In due time,—let us not doubt, but earnestly believe,—he will graciously fulfil this gracious promise!

Thus was I enabled, by God’s merciful goodness, to complete my primary visitation. Rapid as it was, from circumstances strictly unavoidable, it comprehended all the congregations of the diocese, with but two or three exceptions,—to which I was advised that it was not necessary to give immediate attention. Though my first journey through the diocese, and in the winter season, I was enabled,—so judicious was the plan sketched for me by my esteemed friend Mr. Croes, and so prompt was the disposition in both Clergy and laity to promote my convenience,—to fulfil, through the ever present mercy of the Lord, every appointment which I had made, at the expected hour. In its progress, I visited, in 18 days, 29 Churches and missionary stations; delivered 37 Sermons or Addresses; held one Ordination; administered the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s supper, each twice; and the rite of confirmation, in three parishes, to fifty four persons. It is proper to state that there was no appointment for confirmation in the parishes; though in the instances specified, I was very happy, as I shall always be, to be called to its administration. The result of my visit was an impression every way encouraging and hopeful. The opportunities for increasing the number of our Churches, seem to me neither few nor unimportant; while most of those already established, are apparently prosperous: and, if we are but faithful to our great advantages, may be rendered much more so. To all with whom I came in contact, whether Clergy or laity, my thanks are due for the kindness and attention with which the discharge of my duties was facilitated, and my comfort and convenience in all respects promoted. That the connection formed between us may advance mutually our temporal and spiritual happiness; and that my labours with and for them may be blessed to their eternal salvation, is my daily and my fervent prayer.

It was my purpose, with the divine permission, to have effected, before the present meeting of the Convention, another complete visitation; when circumstances of a domestic nature induced the conviction, that it was best to accomplish previously the removal of my family to the diocese. This has been done, and we are for the pre-

at resident at Burlington.* But the time necessarily occupied has been so much greater than I expected, as to render impossible the complete circuit of the parishes. Thus disappointed, I have done what I could, as I shall now proceed to report to you,—designing, as soon as practicable, to visit, administering confirmation in as many parishes as may desire it, the remaining parishes.

I commenced the *second* visitation of the diocese, on Sunday, April 1st, the first after Easter, preaching, morning and afternoon, and confirming *eleven* persons in Trinity Church, Newark; and, in the evening, preaching in the temporary Chapel of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 17th day of April, I preached at St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and administered confirmation to *seven* persons. And on the 5th of May, the only Sunday that I have been at home since my residence at Burlington, I had great pleasure assisting my reverend brother, the venerable Rector, by preaching twice.

On the 21st of April, second Sunday after Easter, I officiated in St. Michael's Church, Paterson, preaching twice, and confirming *fifteen* persons.

On the following Sunday, I officiated all day in St. Michael's Church, Trenton.

Wednesday, the first day of May, the festival of St. Philip and St. James, was to me a day of high interest and satisfaction, and to be remembered, I trust, as a day auspicious to the best interests of the Church. From the time of my first connection with the diocese, I had been in continual correspondence with my much esteemed friend, John Potter Esq.; who, in connection with several others of kindred views, had for some months projected the establishment of an Episcopal Church in the borough of Princeton. Prosecuting, with a most laudable assiduity, the enterprise in which they had engaged, and themselves most exemplary in the munificence of their own subscriptions,

*It is a fact, not generally known, that early in the last century, when the plan of introducing the Episcopate in the British Colonies in America was in operation, it was proposed that the whole should make two dioceses; one to include all North and East, the other all South and West of the Delaware;—the residence of the one Bishop to be at Burlington, in New Jersey, and of the other at Williamsburg in Virginia. At the former place, an episcopal residence was purchased, at large expence; the land for which, is now the property of St. Mary's Church.

they have secured about five sevenths of the sum necessary for the erection of an appropriate edifice, besides the beginning of an endowment for the support of the Rector. On the day above named, I visited this enterprising association, and, for the first time that it was ever heard in Princeton, performed the public service of our Church. The Session of the Presbyterian congregation had very generously offered me the use of their pulpit, which I accepted, and preached to a highly respectable audience. I found no difficulty in performing the entire service; the responses in which, its peculiar and characteristic beauty, were well sustained. At a meeting subsequently held, the society took the measures prescribed by the act in such cases made and provided, for its legal incorporation, by the name of "Trinity Church, Princeton," and elected delegates to this Convention. A beautiful building lot has been purchased, materials are in part procured, and the laying of the corner stone is only delayed until a suitable plan shall be obtained. The site of a most respectable College, and Theological Seminary,—itself a beautiful and flourishing town, in the midst of a fine country,—and soon to be connected by sloop navigation with the two great cities of the Union,—I know of no place in which it is more desirable that an Episcopal Church should be established, and very few which offer better encouragement for the undertaking. I cannot close this notice without a devout recognition of the especial hand of God, not only in the suggestion of the plan and its promotion, thus far, on the part of those more immediately interested, but in procuring an expression, universal, and, as it were, by acclamation, of the favour of the whole community. Let it be in our prayers, brethren, that the Lord who hitherto hath helped us, will continue and complete the good work, which he has graciously begun!

On Friday, May 10, I visited St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, and preached in the evening.

On Saturday evening I preached, and on Sunday afternoon, the 5th after Easter, I preached, and confirmed *twenty-five* persons, in St. Mark's Church, Orange, *three* of whom were of Christ Chapel, Belleville.—The morning and evening of that day were given, the former, to the Chapel at Belleville, the latter to a few Episcopalians at West Bloomfield; where I preached in a schoolhouse, the Rev. Mr. Holmes performing the service. At Belleville I found the results of the arrangement alluded to in the former part of this Address, much better than I had expected. By the lay services of Mr. La-

with occasional visits from the two Clergymen named before, chapel has been opened every Sunday; a Sunday School has been opened, the exercises of which I attended, and was very glad to see the children instructed, as they ought always to be, in Psalmody. A liberal collection has been made for the purchase of a Sunday School library. And the manifest promise is, that if God continue blessing, the services of a Clergyman will soon be restored to that sanctuary, never, I trust, to be withdrawn from it again.—At Bloomfield, a very few persons are very desirous of obtaining services of our Church. The lamented death of the most zealous promoter of this object has retarded its accomplishment. If a place for public worship can be had, it will still, I think, be secured. We greatly need a zealous Missionary in this vicinity. The success of the Missionary labour performed at Orange and Westtown gives great encouragement to our efforts.

Tuesday and Wednesday, the 14th and 15th of May, I attended, Philadelphia, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the American and Foreign Missionary Society. The official statements showed a most gratifying increase in the financial receipts, and in the confidence of the Church,—the surest indication of its enjoyment of that gracious blessing of the Lord, without which, “nothing is holy!” The Society has, we may well hope, now entered on a career of most exalted and extensive usefulness. Let us not forget that she is the almoner of our whole Church, to bear to all and dispense to all the blessings of the Gospel of Salvation. Let us not doubt how great and urgent are the spiritual wants she has to relieve; and how more great and urgent, if the love of Christ truly constrain the motives which must impel us to exert ourselves in their relief. The Board of Managers, in reliance on the support of the Church, and the favour of God, have unanimously adopted a plan of operations, which is calculated to give to the Missionary labours of the Church such enlargement, vigour, and permanence as become her means, her resources, and her privileges. Let us see that our part is not wanting in their support, and prosecution. Little as we can do, we may hope to do, compared with others, we may at least do *her* charity, and its blessing, of whom the Lord declared, “*she* hath done what she could;”—and to whatever else we may do, add what, if it be the fervent prayer of righteous men, will

be more effectual than all,—our constant supplications, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth labourers into his harvest.

On Friday, the 17th of May, I preached, in the evening in Christ Church, New Brunswick; and the next morning preached again, and administered confirmation to *seven* persons. On this last occasion, the morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Peters, who had come down to carry me to his parish. Where it is not otherwise stated, it is to be understood that the service was performed either by the Rector of the Parish, or by myself.

Proceeding in the afternoon to Morristown, I officiated in St. Peter's Church, on the Sunday after Ascension, preaching three times, and confirming *fifteen* persons.

On Tuesday the 21st instant, I attended the opening of the annual Convention of the diocese of Pennsylvania, and assisted my right reverend brethren of that diocese in the administration of the holy Communion. It gave me great pleasure to be present on that occasion, as well because I regard the constant interchange of offices between the sister dioceses as of the greatest importance to the preservation of "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," as because it gave me new evidence of the continued soundness of mind, and vigour of body, of the venerable patriarch of our household of faith; whose preservation to the councils of the Church, the infancy of which he watched and tended, should be regarded by us as a fulfilment of the divine assurance, that "the Lord hath chosen Sion,"—that he "will deck her priests with health, and her saints shall rejoice and sing."

On Saturday the 25th, and on Whit Sunday, the 26th instant, I officiated in St. John's Church, Salem, preaching four times, and administering the Apostolic rite of confirmation to *sixteen* persons.

A sermon, in the place of worship temporarily occupied by the Episcopalians in this place, the service being performed by the Rev. Mr. Peters, completes my official labours up to this date; having for the second time visited *fourteen* Churches, and congregations; preached *twenty six* times; and administered confirmation, in *seven* Churches, to *one hundred and one* persons. The whole number of times that I have preached in the diocese is *sixty three*; the whole number of confirmations *one hundred and fifty five*,—which number, had my visitation been complete, would doubtless have been doubled. I have to record no change among the Clergy, by death or removal, since my connexion with the diocese. Mr. Peter L. Jaques, as be-

fore stated, has been ordained deacon, and acts as Missionary to the Churches in Warren county. Mr. Alfred E. Ford has been admitted a candidate for orders, and is now at the General Theological Seminary; as is Mr. Henry Zell, also a candidate of this diocese. Three others have expressed to me their intention to make immediate application.

My brethren of the Clergy and Laity, the object for which we have assembled is the promotion of the interests of Christ's kingdom, in that portion of it which is committed to our care. It might seem to a hasty observer, whose eye should for a moment rest on the small space which the diocese of New Jersey fills on the map of the United States, that it was a light work, and soon discharged. It does not so seem to me; nor can it to any thoughtful Christian. "Jacob," indeed, "is small." The territorial limits of the diocese are soon passed over. Our Churches are few. Our parishes feeble. Our people poor. But how much larger was the land promised to the fathers of the old covenant, the scene of the wonders, and the cradle of the glories, of the new? How much more in number were the Churches of Christ, which even St. John lived to behold established in the earth? How much more rich or powerful, as the world accounts of power and riches, were the primitive flocks, whose sheep,—nay, whose inspired, and now glorified, pastors,—were "destitute, afflicted, tormented, wandering in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth?" My brethren, reverend and beloved, I need not remind you, that "there is no restraint to the Lord, to save by many or by few."* I need not remind you, that small as Jacob then was, he has arisen and filled the earth.—"Jacob," indeed, "is small." Temporal power and splendour do not, and cannot, appertain to the Churches of this diocese. What then? Are our efforts to be discouraged? Is our hope of influence or usefulness in the Church to be repressed? Are we hindered thus in the promoting of our Master's great work, the care and the salvation of souls? Directly the reverse. There is no circumstance, it seems to me,—and should the conviction be the result of that partiality which is natural to one's own, you will not greatly blame me,—there is no circumstance, it seems to me, peculiar to our condition, which does not favour the growth of primitive piety, and therefore, of primitive prosperity. There are many

* 1 Samuel xiv. 6.

circumstances that encourage us peculiarly to zeal, to fidelity, to perseverance, in setting forth the GOSPEL in the CHURCH; in the sure confidence, that, "in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not." Is our diocese small? It can, and ought to be the better tended, watered and cultivated. It is the less exposed to internal division and distraction. It is the more easily defended from external evil and injury. We are brought more nearly together. We feel, or ought to feel, more as brethren of one family. We can more easily "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel."—Are our parishes few and feeble? The sympathy of a good cause can the more easily pervade them. They offer nothing to tempt the ambitious or the worldly minded. Their equality with each other preserves them from envying and jealousy.—Are our people poor? They have the less then to hinder their pursuit of "the true riches." They are the nearer to His condition, and the better prepared to receive His Gospel, who, "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant." They have the easier approach to his favour, who has "chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him." Instead of repining then at our condition, or excusing ourselves from effort, on the ground that we can do so little, let us rather thank God that he has put it in our power to do so very much. He requires nothing of us, let us ever remember, that he has not first given us. The "one talent" that we have, if we do but "trade diligently" with it, and secure its proper increase, will as surely gain His favour, with whom we have to do, as if it were the "five" or the "ten" of our outwardly more favoured brethren.—If it be asked then, "how shall Jacob arise, for he is small?"—how shall we best improve the ability which God has given us, and bring forth richest fruit to his glory and the good of souls? I answer, by the diligent, faithful, constant exercise, with prayer, to Him who alone can give the increase, of all the means which he has put into our hands. Small as our diocese is, there are many "fields white for the harvest," that implore the sickle of the reaper. In the occupation of new positions, in the re-occupation of such as have been abandoned, or in the re-inforcement of them that are feeble, and ready to perish, *ten* additional Clergymen, had we the means of their support, could be at once most profitably employed. The services of at least *five* are of almost indispensable necessity. And few and feeble as our parishes are, and poor as are our people,

, at our command, the means for their support. All that is is the love of Christ to move us to the effort, faith to attempt pursue it, and method, *Christian* method, in its prosecution.

Churchmen of New Jersey adopt, in earnest, the direction of 1 to them of Galatia, and at Corinth, and the result is sure. the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in s God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I * Let every one who desires the prosperity of the Church de- , that henceforward he will follow the Apostle's rule, and the y of the Lord will from that time be like the widow's cruse- ckely appropriation of *five cents*, by every worshipper in our nion—and if there be any that cannot give five, let him give ould fully meet our whole necessities. Think how small an ledgment it would be, brethren, to him who gives us all! Se- reflect with yourselves, that the call is made in *His* name, who gives the blessing to your plans, and to your labours; that *He* —and will take strict account of,—your ability; and that he s truly rich, however poor in this world's goods, who is “rich ,” “rich in good works,” “rich towards God,”—and begin at e blessed appropriation. “Bring ye all the tithes into the store that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here- aith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of i, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it.” That God may supply all your need according iches in glory, by Christ Jesus, and make you fruitful unto ood word and work, by His Spirit dwelling in you, is the con- rayer of your affectionate and faithful brother and servant in Christ,

G. W. DOANE.

den, 29 May, 1833.

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POSTSCRIPT.

Nothing could have been more gratifying to me, nor, I think, more auspicious to the best interests of the Church, than the zeal and unanimity with which the report of the very respectable Committee appointed on this portion of the Address, was received, and the resolutions for carrying it into effect adopted, by the Convention. I take this occasion again to solicit most earnestly the attention of my brethren of the Clergy and Laity to this most important subject. A plan is now before them which, in the judgment of all, is perfectly *feasible*; and which, if adopted, the simplest arithmetical calculation suffices to prove *effectual*. But there is no plan so good that it will *work of itself*. Upon the Clergy must devolve the duty of arranging in each Parish the details of the operation, of urging to a zealous, liberal, and persevering engagement in it, and of collecting and transmitting its results. Upon the Laity devolves the *duty*, shall I call it?—no, the blessed *privilege!*—to give “as God hath prospered them.” The question has been asked, “how shall the money be collected?” I answer, it matters not, so that it be done. Only let the will exist, and the work will soon be accomplished. I would suggest, however to *all*, “high and low, rich and poor, one with another,” a few plain, practical considerations.

1. Let it be regarded as the privilege of *every one*, “young men and maidens, old men and children,” to give *something* to the “offerings of the Church.”

2. Let every one make a conscience of giving, in the Apostle's phrase, “*as God hath prospered him*,” and let all strive very hard to give “*at least five cents each week*.”

3. Let what is given be given on *the principle of sacrifice*,—they who have to earn it, working a little longer and a little harder; they who have it earned to their hand, retrenching some superfluity; little children taking so much from the money they have to spend. His was a noble resolution, who would not offer unto the Lord his God of that *which cost him nothing*.

4. Let all make it a rule to appropriate *weekly*, and “*on the first day of the week*.” It will be given more freely in the *small fraction*, than in the *gross sum*. The money contributed, or solemnly appropriated, will

be *out of the way of temptation*. There will be thus to every one a *weekly reminiscence* of his inestimable Christian privileges. There is a peculiar fitness in remembering on *the day of our chief joy*, those to whom the blessings of the sanctuary come not at all, or rarely and imperfectly.

5. Let, my brethren of the Clergy, each in his own parish, consider *himself* as charged with this enterprise of Christian benevolence. Let them consult *at once*, with their wardens, vestrymen, and parishioners, the best way of making the *collection*;—the *appropriation*, I take for granted. Let them encourage the rich to give of their abundance, and the poor of their penury; remembering that what is so given, is *lent* to the Lord, who will repay it again. Let them obtain the collections *as frequently as possible*,—*weekly* if they can;—and remit them at once to the Treasurer, that *the Church may lose no interest*.

My own views as to the purposes to which the “offerings of the Church” should be appropriated, I would have understood to be these. They are of course subject to the approval of the very respectable Trustees who, at my request, have charge with me of their distribution.—I would pay an annual *percentage* of the receipts, varying from year to year with varying circumstances, into the Treasury of the “Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,” as the “offering of the Church” in the diocese of New Jersey, for the extension of “the Gospel in the Church” to the heathen in foreign lands, and the destitute in our own. The remainder, I would appropriate,—1, to aiding feeble parishes, and to encouraging new, or reviving old, stations, within our own diocese;—2, to aiding young men of suitable character and qualifications in preparing themselves for the ministry of the Church, either in their preparatory education: or their residence at College, or at the General Theological Seminary;—3, to distributing within the diocese, Bibles, Prayer books, and tracts, and aiding in the establishment *in every parish* of a parochial library, including books for the children of the Sunday Schools.—Let it be remembered that in every congregation which shall furnish *one hundred persons*, paying, *on an average*, *five cents*, in *every week*, of *every year*, a perpetual “offering” of *two hundred and fifty dollars per annum* will be made;—and let none despise “the day of *small things*,” nor be “weary in well doing!”

Finally, let all remember the magnitude, in time, and for eternity,

of the objects proposed! Let all remember that He, in whose name we ask, is the same who fills their barns with plenty, and blesses the labour of their hands! Let all remember those words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is MORE BLESSED TO GIVE than to receive!"

Will it be too much to ask of my reverend brethren, that they will read, on the first Sunday after its reception, so much of this Address and Postscript, as relates to the "Offerings of the Church," with the resolutions proposed by the Committee?

G. W. D.

Burlington, June 1, 1853.

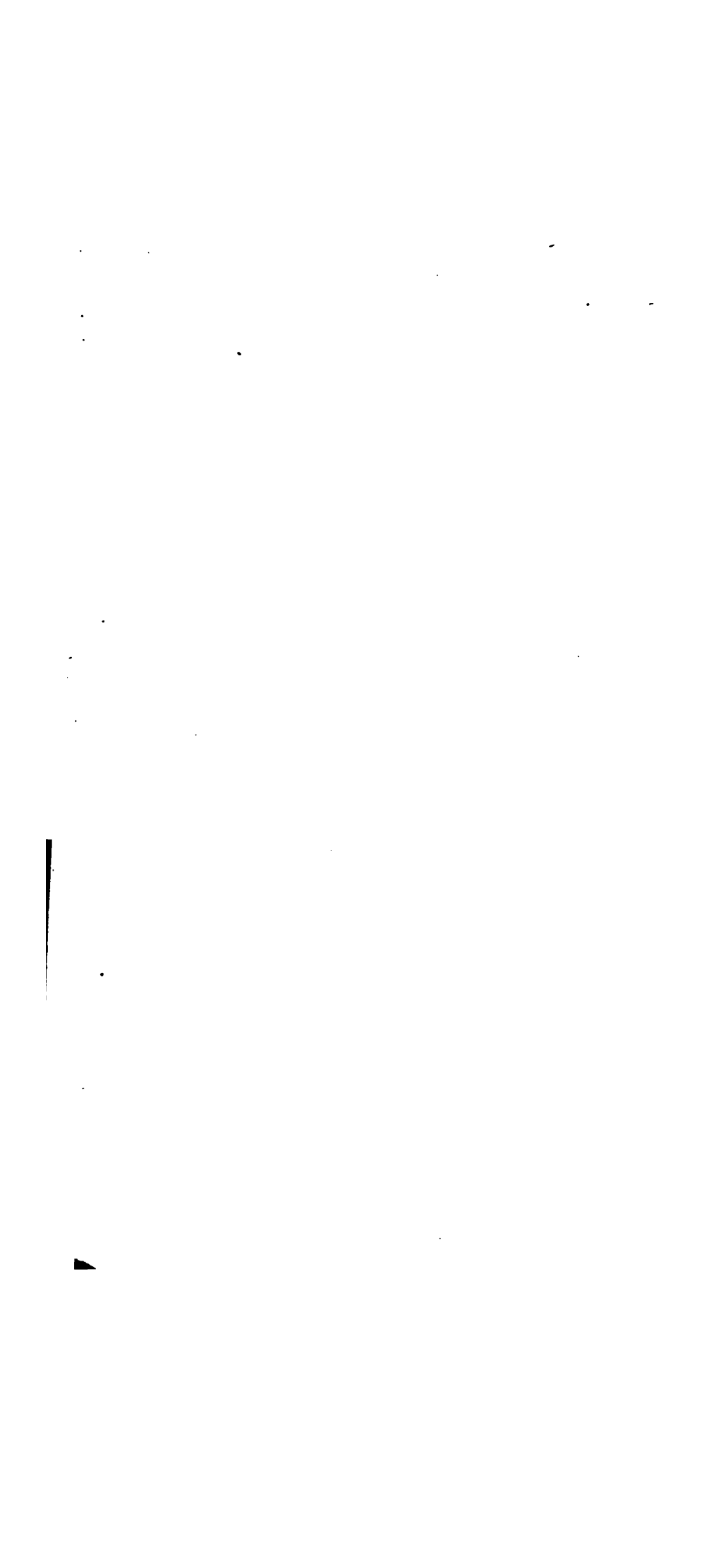
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O LORD, WHO HAST TAUGHT US THAT ALL OUR DOINGS WITHOUT CHARITY ARE NOTHING WORTH; SEND THY HOLY GHOST, AND POUR INTO OUR HEARTS THAT MOST EXCELLENT GIFT OF CHARITY: THE VERY BOND OF PEACE, AND OF ALL VIRTUES; WITHOUT WHICH WHOSOEVER LIVETH IS COUNTED DEAD BEFORE THEE: GRANT THIS TO THINE ONLY SON JESUS CHRIST'S SAKE. *Amen.*

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IN
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HELD
IN TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK,
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JOURNAL.

Newark, May 26th, 1834.

This being the time and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-Jersey, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Church, several Clergymen and Lay Deputies assembled in Trinity Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, the ante-communion service by the Bishop. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Mason. The Bishop then administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Croes, the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, and the Rev. Mr. Dunn.

The Bishop then took the Chair; and, having called the Convention to order, appointed the Rev. Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Canfield, a Committee to examine the testimonials of the Lay Deputies, and report the number of Churches represented. The Committee reported that Deputies were present from eleven Churches.

The Clergymen present were the following :

The Right Rev. GEORGE W. DOANE, D. D. Bishop,	
The Rev. Mr. Croes,	The Rev. Mr. Morehouse,
Dunn,	Ward,
Holmes,	Douglass,
Mason,	Henderson,
Peters,	Starr,
Moore,	Jaques.

The Lay Deputies present were the following :

Mr. West,	Mr. Perry,
Morse,	Chetwood,
Williamson,	Gifford,
Smith,	Boudinot.
Merchant,	Condit,
Sayres,	Hayes,
Halsey,	James,
Stratton,	Groff,
Swayze,	A. A. Harrison,
S. Harrison,	Harris,
Hollingshead,	J. Harrison,

Mr. Canfield,
Pennington,
Ellis,

Mr. Ogden,
Forman,
Lupp,

Mr. McMurtrie.

The Convention then proceeded to business.

On motion that a Secretary be appointed, the Rev. John Croes was duly elected. Being authorized to appoint an Assistant Secretary, he appointed the Rev. Clarkson Dunn.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to report Rules of Order for the Convention.—The Rev. Mr. Ward, and John Joseph Chetwood, Esq.

On motion, it was resolved, that Clergymen of other dioceses, and Candidates for the Ministry of the Church, who may be in Newark, be invited to attend the sittings of the Convention. Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Bayard, of New-York; the Rev. Mr. Beasley, of Pennsylvania; and the Rev. Mr. Guion, of Ohio, took their seats.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Rules of Order reported as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Divine service shall be performed, on every morning, during the session of the Convention.
2. When the President assumes the Chair, each Member shall take his seat.
3. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, and, if necessary, be corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the sitting shall be read.
4. When a Member chooses to speak, he shall rise and address the President.
5. When two Members rise at the same time, the President shall determine the preference; and in any controversy respecting order, the President shall decide.
6. No motion shall be regarded, unless seconded.
7. A motion of postponement or amendment, shall always be in order, and considered as the previous question.
8. On motion to adjourn, the question shall be put without debate.
9. No Member shall speak oftener than thrice on the same question, without leave of the President.
10. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and shall take a vote for that purpose.

11. In the election of Deputies to the General Convention, each order shall choose its own Representatives, to be approved of by the other order.

12. The yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the minutes, when any two members require it.

13. The doors of the Convention shall be open for the admission of such persons as may wish to know its proceedings.

14. No member shall leave the Convention, without permission, under the penalty of censure, to be entered on the minutes of the Convention.

15. All questions shall be decided *viva voce*, unless required to be decided by ballot, by at least two members of the Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane then delivered the customary Address, which will be found at the close of the Journal.

The Bishop then presented the Parochial Reports, which were read as follows:

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

RT. REV. GEORGE W. DOANE, Rector.

Families, 63; baptisms, infants 15, adults 8, total 23; confirmed, 17; communicants, died or removed 6, added 17, present number 80; marriage, 1; funerals, 8; Sunday school, teachers 23, scholars 115, books 200; Parish Library, 372; Offerings of the Church, \$271 59.

The Rector has not been long enough in charge of the Parish to give any thing more than the mere statistics. The manner in which the Offerings of the Church have been collected, is stated in the Pastoral Letter, in the Appendix. There were no subscriptions larger than twenty-five cents per week, and of these but five. Many of them were less than five cents, and several but one cent per week. A small amount remains uncollected, which will go into the account of the next year. In another Report, greater fulness may be expected. Twenty-five copies of the Children's Magazine are taken. The Rector is always present in the Sunday School, when not absent on episcopal duty. In the absence of the Rector, the parish has been much benefited by the gratuitous and very acceptable services of the Rev. Dr. Williams.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-BRUNSWICK.

REV. JOHN CROES, Rector.

Baptisms, adult 1, children 14, total 15; marriages, 5; funerals, 8; communicants, added 4, removed 5, remaining 59; Collections, for General Seminary \$9, for Green Bay 13, Bishop's fund 9 22, Offerings of the Church 82 98, donation of Ladies' Association to D. and F. Missionary Society 50, box of dry goods sent to Green Bay 25, total \$189 20.

Sunday School, 1 superintendent, 10 teachers, scholars attending 40, Library, 100 volumes. The Rector visits the school frequently, and hears the children recite the Church Catechism at stated periods.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK.

REV. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 26, adults 2, total 28; communicants, added 11, dead 3, removed 5, remaining 79; funerals 18; marriages 17.

The Sunday School consists of four different departments, arranged as follows :—1. The male school containing 1 superintendent, 6 teachers, 45 attending scholars. 2. The female school, containing 1 superintendent, 16 teachers, 70 attending scholars. 3. The infant school, containing 1 teacher, 34 attending scholars. 4. The coloured infant school containing 1 teacher, 13 attending scholars. Whole number, 2 superintendents, 24 teachers, 162 attending scholars.

By means of a liberal subscription on the part of several members of the congregation, an addition of 100 volumes has been made to the library, which now contains about 200; comprising all that have been published by the Episcopal Union. The Children's Magazine is found to be a very important auxiliary in the work of instruction; and *one hundred copies* are now circulated among the children. The new Psalms and Hymns of the Church have also been adopted, for use, in the Sunday school.—The whole is under the general superintendence of the Rector, who makes it his duty, occasionally, to visit, address, and examine the different classes. The quarterly meetings of the teachers are continued, at which they present written reports, that are read for mutual instruction. The exhibition of the Magic Lantern appears to be attended with unabated interest, and affords to the Rector a peculiarly favourable opportunity for communicating religious truth.

It is thought proper also to mention, that the superintendent of the Female School, aided by a few teachers, established during the past season, a school for *female adults* upon a *week day evening*. The number who attended the instructions of this department, were in all, 12.

The Parochial Library continues to be a rich source of instruction to the reading members of the congregation. There has been no material increase of the number of volumes since our last report.

During the past year contributions have been made for the following specified objects: "Offerings of the Church," \$149 20; Episcopal Sunday School Union, 41; Sunday School Library, 50; Female Clothing Society, 52 26; American Colonization Society, 17 43; "Christmas offering" for General Missionary Society, 27; Episcopal Fund, (the greater part to be paid in five annual instalments,) 1300; collection for Episcopal Fund, 16; total, \$1652 89.

In addition to the usual services on the Lord's day, (generally two—occasionally three,) there has been a regular weekly lecture on Thursday evening. During the last winter a Bible class was in-

stituted, which appeared to excite general interest. The active members were about 50; besides many others who constantly attended. The portion of Scripture studied was the Epistle to the Hebrews. *Written* questions and answers were adopted, as the most effectual method of instruction. The Rector also has been in the habit of holding devotional meetings "from house to house," designed especially for communicants as preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper. These meetings are regarded as having been attended with evident advantage. The Pastor has thereby an opportunity of conversing in the most familiar manner with the members of his flock, in regard to their spiritual interests.

The Rector would add, in conclusion, in regard to the "Offerings of the Church,"—a plan of giving efficiency to Missionary enterprise which he views with peculiar interest—that he adopted, at an early period, the mode suggested by the Bishop, as to the collection of the monthly dues, and is thus far satisfied as to its peculiar and entire expediency.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JERSEY CITY.

REV. EDMUND D. BARRY, D.D., Rector.

Communicants, (removed 6, added 11,) 29 present number; baptisms, 8; marriages 10; funerals 8; Sunday scholars 70; teachers 10.

Our new Church remains still unfinished, notwithstanding our continued and persevering exertions. Much, however, has been accomplished within the year past. The whole of the exterior of the building, with the exception of the towers, is completed; and we cherish the pleasing expectation, that before the end of another year, at farthest, St. Matthew's Church will rank among the neatest and most striking of our New Jersey Church edifices, on account of the commodiousness of its plan, and the correctness of its Gothic architecture. We must still, however, in a great measure, depend on our wealthier brethren elsewhere for its completion. Our Church, in other respects, is prosperous. We cannot meet the demands for pews and seats in our present place of public worship. This, and other circumstances, induce us to believe, that when our new building shall have been finished, a more favourable state of things than heretofore, will, with the divine blessing, take place.

The ladies of St. Matthew's Church have, with the most laudable perseverance, for more than five years, continued, by their labours, to aid essentially our efforts in building our Church. To this, as their main object, and, in the next place, to the support and furtherance of our prosperous Sunday School, is their unceasing attention directed. It ought, also, to be mentioned, as honorable to the liberality of not a few other ladies of Jersey City, and who do not belong to our Church, that they have all along contributed their time and efforts towards this labour of Christian love. We cannot but hope and trust, that for such rare and noble charitableness, they will finally have their reward.

A Parish Library has been lately commenced, with every prospect of success. About 100 volumes of standard excellence, as theological works have, in a few weeks, been collected. From the adoption and success of this measure, great advantage to the parish may reasonably be expected.

The proceeds from a box in our place of public worship, for the "Offerings of the Church," have amounted to \$14 58 cts. This was thought the most advisable mode of collecting for this object, considering our peculiar circumstances.

The collection for the Bishop's fund amounted to six dollars.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWTON.

REV. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector.

Families, about 50; communicants, 35; baptisms, (3 adults, 4 children,) 7; confirmations, 25; marriages, 5; funerals, 14; Sunday school scholars, 65, teachers, 5; library books, 85.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MORRISTOWN.

REV. HEWLETT R. PETERS, Rector.

Communicants, about 25; baptisms, (infants,) 3. The Sunday school, consists of between 40 and 50 scholars, and is taught by a directress and 9 teachers.

The society of ladies, connected with the Church, has contributed, as the proceeds of their industry, the sum of \$300; which has been appropriated to the payment of the debt yet remaining on the Church. Two suitable boxes have been placed in the Church, for receiving weekly contributions, according to the plan suggested by the Bishop—the duty of contributing according to their ability has, at times, been urged on the attention of the congregation, and thirty-two dollars have been collected.

On Christmas day, a collection of twenty-three dollars was made, to aid the funds of the General Missionary Society, as a Christmas offering.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, ORANGE.

REV. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector.

Families, between 60 and 70; individuals, about 250; baptisms, infants, 25, adults 2, total 27; communicants, removed 1, added 13; present number, 69; marriages 6; funerals 12; Sunday School teachers 13; scholars registered 134; average number attending at a time 45; books in the library 160; 64 copies of the Children's Magazine are taken in the place; parish library 83 volumes; amount of offerings of the Church, contributed on 46 Sundays, \$49 15; collections for the Episcopal fund, 6 29;—collection for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society 4 00. Ten persons have

raised a fund of \$5000 in aid of the support of the Minister of the parish, and on conditions expressed in a document which has been deposited in the hands of the Bishop. The whole has been available since the 1st of July last. Part of the sum has been appropriated to the purchase of a parsonage house and lot. In September last, an organ was procured at an expense of \$300; the means used in regard to the "Offerings of the Church" and the result, are the following:

On the Sunday after the receipt of the Journal of the Convention, (July 7th) the remarks of the Bishop, and the recommendation of the Convention in reference to them, were twice read.—Agreeably to a notice given in the morning, a sermon was preached in the afternoon, in which the Apostolic rule recommended by the Bishop and the Convention, was held up to view;—boxes were then placed at each of the doors;—since then, the Congregation has been twice informed of the amount of the offerings in hand, and once, in a brief notice from the desk, reminded of the subject. In this way endeavours have been made to have the offerings *universal, proportionate to the prosperity with which each was favoured, the result of a weekly estimate of that prosperity, and given in with the knowledge that no eye but that of Him who conferred it, could see what that estimate was.* The result has been the receipt of \$49 15, being equal to 1 06 for each Lord's day. Perhaps more *ought* to have been contributed, and it probably would have been, had not the Congregation, during the past year, laboured under the pressure of parochial wants. It is probable, also, that the amount for the present, might have been greater by the use of some other mode than the one which has been adopted; but there is a satisfaction resulting from it to think and hope that the whole sum has proceeded from views of Christian duty, and Christian liberality,—is truly an Offering to the *Church*, and an earnest that this stream of benevolence, deepening and widening as it flows, will continue to make glad the city of our God.

CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY.

REV. HARRY FINCH, Rector.

Families, 3 removed, 3 added, present number 62; communicants, died 4, removed 1, added 12, present number 77; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6, total 8; funerals, 5 of the congregation, and 2 of others, total 7; marriages 8; confirmed 16; collection for the Episcopal Fund, \$10 05; amount of Offerings for the Church paid in \$39 07. Besides the above sums, there has been raised for necessary purposes in the parish, between three and four hundred dollars:—The Congregation has also erected a small Chapel at the village of Red Bank, which promises much usefulness to the Church.—The Sunday Schools of the parish, which are four in number, are prosperous and efficiently conducted under the direction of well qualified superintendants and teachers; number of teachers 20; scholars about 150. The Church is apparently in a flourishing condition.

CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN.

REV. HARRY FINCH, Rector.

Families 7, communicants, died 1, present number 7; baptisms 1 infant; funerals, 1 of the congregation, and one of others, 2.

The services of this Church have been much better attended the last year than any time before, since it has been under the pastoral care of the present Rector. The political prejudices of the Revolution, are still unjustly excited to the injury of this Church; which, together with a misrepresentation of the doctrines and practice of the Episcopal Church by others, and the decayed and uncomfortable condition of the Church building, prevent the attendance on the ministrations of the Gospel in this parish by most of the inhabitants, except those who appreciate the doctrines and institutions of our truly Evangelical Church. An effort was made this Spring, on the part of the corporation, to put into operation some measures for repairing or rebuilding the Church Edifice, but has failed for want of co-operation on the part of those immediately interested. As the present building has become dangerous as well as uncomfortable for a place of meeting, it will probably be necessary in a short time to suspend the services, or remove them to some other part of the town, where a suitable place may be provided for celebrating them.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SPOTSWOOD.

REV. JOHN M. WARD, Rector.

The state of this congregation has not materially changed since the last report, except that its financial concerns are in a more favourable condition than they have been at any previous period. It is also hoped, that there is an increase of spiritual improvement. The number of families is about 50. During the past ecclesiastical year, baptism has been administered to 6 adults and 6 infants, total 12. Four marriages have been celebrated. Three funerals of the congregation have been attended, two of others, total 5. Six communicants have been added; one has removed, making in all 40.

The Sunday School still continues to flourish under the persevering efforts of the teachers. Teachers—1 superintendent, 4 male, 9 female—14. Number of scholars—23 males; 36 females; total 59. The Bible class has not answered the reasonable expectations of the Rector. Although some new members have been added, the number of constant attendants does not exceed 12.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, TRENTON.

REV. FREDERICK BEASLEY, D. D. Rector.

During the last year our number of communicants has been 60; our Sunday School has amounted to between 40 and 50; our marriages to 5;

our funerals to 5; and our baptisms to 13. Several respectable families and individuals have lately united themselves to our congregation, and taken pews and seats in the Church.

The debt of the Church, which amounted to \$3800 in the beginning of the year 1833, is now reduced to \$875; and I trust, under the blessing of Providence, this Church will soon find itself in a condition free from all incumbrances, and able to furnish a comfortable maintenance to their Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MOUNT HOLLY.

REV. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector.

Families, about 60; marriages, 4 baptisms, (14 children, 8 adults) 22; confirmed, 7; communicants, (6 added, 1 deceased,) 40; funerals, (4 children, 2 adults,) 6.

Harmony and peace prevail among the members; evening lectures, are well attended, and an increase of piety, is manifest.

The Sunday schools continue in successful action. The male department contains 40 pupils, 8 teachers, and a library of 70 volumes; the female department 80 pupils, 19 teachers, and a Library of 300 volumes.

The "Female Association," auxiliary to "the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society," recently paid into the funds of the Parent Society, thirty-two dollars.

The sum of \$15 has been collected for the "Offerings of the Church."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SALEM.

REV. HENRY M. MASON, Rector.

There is, in the opinion of its pastor, an increasing regard and interest in the doctrines and discipline of the Church, while he is not aware that the piety which should always, and is, generally, found to accompany an acquaintance with them, is on the decline.

Agreeably to the abstract furnished by the Bishop of the diocese, I have to report, that there are now in the parish 38 families, by an increase of three; that there have been eight infants, and three adults, baptised, in all eleven; and that one communicant has died, four have been added, the present number being 38; the marriages have been 5; and the funeral 1. The teachers in the Sunday school are now 9, and the scholars about 110; of which not more than 40 regularly attend. The "Offerings of the Church" have not been as available as could have been wished; owing in part, to my absence for some time, soon after the last Convention, and more from injudicious arrangement; but the amount is thirty-three dollars, principally (it is proper to mention) contributed by the ladies of the parish. The report of the agent for the Episcopal Fund will mention the sum raised for that object, and I hold, of the subscription made, for transmission to the Treasurer, fourteen dollars.

In addition to these circumstances, it affords me a high degree of gratification to record, that a new and fine organ has been placed in the Church by a very general contribution; that decorations to a respectable amount of money have been furnished the Church by the zeal and industry of a female circle called "the St. John's Society," and that my own expenses to this Convention have in part been paid.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, PENN'S NECK.

Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector.

This parish still remains in a depressed, but I think in a preferable condition to that of the last year,—there have been four children, and one adult, baptised, and two communicants added; they have also paid in part my expenses to this convention, and will do something for the Offerings of the Church next year.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN.

Rev. RICHARD C. MOORE, Deacon, Minister.

Families and pewholders 70; individuals from 230 to 250; baptisms, 2 infants; communicants 62; marriages 3; funeral 1; collections, Missionary Fund, 4 65; Offerings of the Church, 19 25; Sunday Schools, teachers 17, scholars 70, books 253 vs.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, this Church has been for several months destitute of the services of a Clergyman. At the time when the present incumbent entered upon his duties, the congregation was much depressed, and the prospects of the Church discouraging.—Our fears however, have not been realized. The number of pewholders has since then been constantly increasing:—The attendance is good, and the general interest manifested in the prosperity of the Church is highly encouraging. Within the last 2 months, the Ladies Association have expended \$220 in improving and repairing the Church and parsonage; both of which are now in perfect order, and reflect much credit upon their zeal and spirit.

The subject of "the Offerings of the Church" has been brought before the attention of the congregation and vestry, and efforts will immediately be made to carry the proposed plan into full and effective operation. The names of a few had been obtained some months since, and the amount received for 10 subscribers, two of whom have commenced during the past month, is \$19 25. This may serve to shew the efficiency of the plan if adopted by a whole congregation.—Its hitherto partial adoption, must be attributed to the unsettled state of the congregation whilst destitute of the services of a Minister.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BERKLEY.

REV. SIMON WILMER, (of the diocese of Pennsylvania,) Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (adults 9, children 6,) 15; confirmed, 17; communicants, (removed 1, died 1, suspended 1, added 21,) 53; marriages, 4; Sunday school—teachers 8; children 45.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHEW'S LANDING.

REV. SIMON WILMER, (of the diocese of Pennsylvania,) Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (adults 30, children 21,) 51; confirmed, 24; communicants (removed 1, added 13,) 14; Sunday school—about 30 scholars.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY.*

REV. J. CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, 38; baptisms, (of infants,) 14; confirmed 9; communicants, (removed 3, added 3,) 37; marriages, 2; funerals, (of the congregation 5, others 10,) 15; Sunday school—teachers 8, scholars 75; library, vols., 246; contributions—offerings of the Church, \$15; Missionary fund, 4 60; Episcopal fund, 5 40; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, 10; American Colonization Society, \$14.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FREEHOLD.

REV. SAMUEL EDWIN ARNOLD, Officiating Minister.

Families, about 20; communicants, (1 added, 1 deceased,) 10; marriages, 1; funerals, (3 of the congregation, 2 of others,) 5.

The Bishop's Pastoral Letter, on the subject of the offerings of the Church, was laid before the congregation on the first Sunday of January last, when the plan therein proposed was immediately adopted, and monthly collections have since been regularly made.

A Sunday school has recently been organized which, from the constant increase of its numbers since its commencement, affords a pleasing prospect of the future enlargement of the flock of Christ. The present number of regular attendants is forty-one.

A female Tract Society has also been recently formed, from whose operations, with the blessing of God, pleasing results are also anticipated. Number of members, 25.

* This Report, and the following, though inserted here, were not received by the Bishop until after the rising of the Convention.

On motion, by Mr. Chetwood, it was

Resolved, That *five hundred* copies of the Address of the Bishop, this day delivered, in addition to those attached to the Journal of the Convention, be printed, and, as soon as practicable, circulated among the congregations of the diocese.

The Treasurer, Mr. Lupp, presented his accounts; which, on motion, were referred to a committee for examination—the Rev. Mr. Holmes and E. H. Swayze, Esq.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Ward, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the appointment of a Missionary assistant to him, in his parish, be referred to a committee.

The Rev. Mr. Ward, E. E. Boudinot, Esq., and C. C. Stratton, Esq., were appointed.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Croes, it was

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules of Order: Every Resolution presented to this Convention shall be first fairly reduced to writing.

On motion, of the Rev. Mr. Mason, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the state of the "Offerings of the Church," and to propose measures for their increase.

The Rev. Messrs. Mason and Henderson, and Messrs. Harris, and A. A. Harrison, were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Gifford, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, in connection with the Bishop, on that part of his address which relates to the establishment of a Diocesan School.

The committee appointed were the Rev. Mr. Ward, the Rev. Mr. Morehouse, the Rev. Mr. Croes, Mr. Gifford, Mr. Chetwood, and Mr. McMurtrie.

The Convention, on motion adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Douglass.

The Rev. Dr. Barry, the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Collet appeared, and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported, that they were found correct.

The Committee on the "Offerings of the Church" made the following Report; which was accepted, and ordered to be entered on the Journal:—

The Committee on the "Offerings of the Church," report, that although there has already been afforded evidence of the beneficial results of the plan proposed last year by the Bishop, it does not appear to have been fully and effectually carried into operation. It is therefore recommended that the Clergy, *immediately* after the rising of the Convention, take measures to bring the subject prominently before their respective congregations; and that for this purpose they make personal application to each individual of their respective cures, for a subscription on this plan; that the subscriptions be collected in the manner proposed in the late Pastoral Letter of the Bishop; and that they take effect from the date of the rising of the Convention.

For the Committee,

H. M. MASON, Chairman.

On motion, by Mr. Gifford, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:—

"Whereas, the usual number of Journals of the Convention hitherto published, is insufficient for the increased demand of the Church in this Diocese, therefore,

Resolved, That *one thousand* copies of the Journal of this Convention, (being double the former number,) be printed for the usual distribution.

The Committee on a Missionary Assistant to the Bishop in his parish, made the following Report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Journal:—

"The Committee on that part of the Bishop's address, which relates to the appointment of a Minister to assist him in his parochial duties, respectfully report,—that they highly approve the recommendation by the Bishop, of the appointment of a Minister to assist him in the discharge of his parochial duties, and to supply his pulpit in his absence on Episcopal duty. They therefore recommend to the Convention, the adoption of the following resolution,—

Resolved, That in order to relieve the Bishop from such portion of his Parochial duties, as may enable him to accomplish his visitations of the Diocese, he be authorized to employ an assistant Minister, to reside in his parish, and perform parochial duties, to supply his pulpit in his absence, and to discharge occasional Missionary services; and that the provision for his support be chargeable to the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WARD, Chairman.

Application having been made in behalf of Zion Church, Belvidere, for admission into union with the Convention, the papers were referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Barry and Mr. Williamson.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

ARTICLE I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the general Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges their authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a Convention of the Church in this State, on the last Wednesday in May, to be holden in rotation, at Trenton, New-Brunswick, Burlington and Newark.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a special Convention, by a Circular letter to the several Churches. There shall be not less than four weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine. At such special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the Circular.

ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

Every Clergyman in good standing, duly exercising clerical functions in existing parishes, or in other situations, under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, shall be a member of the Convention; *Provided*, that he has been personally, as well as Canonically resident for six months, immediately before the meeting of the Convention; *And provided also*, that age or infirmity, or temporary absence shall not occasion a forfeiture of the privilege. But instituted members alone, shall be chosen as Secretary of the Convention, members of the Standing Committee, or deputies to the General Convention.

Every congregation in this State, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send a Deputy or Deputies, not

exceeding three; a certificate of whose appointment signed by the Rector, or Wardens, shall, before his admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. No person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Deputy, unless he have been baptized, and be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The deputation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE V.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes; provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence subscribed by the Wardens, that they accede to the constitution and Canons of this Church, and are regularly organized, by the election of two Wardens, and, at least, five Vestrymen: *Provided always*, that the Deputies from new parishes though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention in which their parishes are admitted.

ARTICLE VI.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention, and shall preside at all its meetings. The assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote; and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and assistant Bishop, the Convention shall elect a President *pro tempore*, from among the instituted Ministers.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present, on due notification, shall be a *quorum*, and being duly organized, shall be competent to transact the business of the Convention. The Clergy and Lay Deputies shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry the measure. All elections shall be by ballot; and, except in the case of electing a Bishop, the Standing Committee, and the deputies to the General Convention, on the concurrent vote of a majority of both orders. This regulation however, may be suspended by an unanimous vote of the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

At the assembling of each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen, who shall continue in office till the next annual Convention be organized.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Convention. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall present a statement of his accounts to each annual Convention. But in case the Treasurer die, resign his office, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive any monies, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

ARTICLE X.

The Standing Committee shall consist of four Clergymen and four Laymen; each order choosing its own members, subject to the approval of the other order. As soon as convenient after their election, they shall choose a President from among the clerical members, and a Secretary. A majority of the members, the whole having been duly summoned to meet, shall be a *quorum*, and a majority of the *quorum* so convened, shall be competent to act. Their proceedings shall be recorded by the Secretary, and open to the inspection of the Convention. They shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in their own body, during the recess of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI.

In the election of Clerical and Lay Deputies, each order shall elect its own members, subject to the approval of the other order.

ARTICLE XII.

The election of a Bishop, or of an assistant Bishop, shall be in the following manner:—The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected.

ARTICLE XIII.

A proposition for altering and amending this Constitution shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention: and, if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next Convention: which, if after consideration again, it be approved by two-thirds, it shall be adopted.

For the Committee,

J. Croes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be laid on the table.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention now give into Committee of the Whole House, on the Constitution.

After long deliberation, the Committee rose and reported progress.

Mr. Lupp's resignation of the office of Treasurer was, on motion, accepted.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to Mr. Lupp for his able and faithful performance of his duties.

The Rev. Mr. Croes was appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurer's account.

Messrs. Lupp and Swayze obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met: and, on motion, went into the election of members of the Standing Committee, and Deputies to the General Convention. There were elected, for the

STANDING COMMITTEE,

OF THE CLERGY,

The Rev. John Croes,
Benjamin Holmes,
John M. Ward, and
Geo. Y. Morehouse.

OF THE LAITY,

William H. Lupp, Esq.
Joseph Marsh, Esq.
Dr. Carroll, and
Josiah Harrison, Esq.

And for

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION,

OF THE CLERGY,

The Rev. F. Beasley, D. D.
John Croes,

OF THE LAITY,

John Potter, Esq.
Mark W. Collett, Esq.

Amount brought over,	- - - - -	\$859 88
Churches under the charge of Rev. Mr. Douglass, Missionary,	12 51	
Missionary station at Dover, under the charge of Rev.		
Mr. Freeman,	- - - - -	20 00

making in all, the sum of \$892 39;*
that there have been paid to the following Missionaries under the direction of the Bishop, the sums named below:—

The Rev. Mr. Freeman	- - - - -	\$25 00
Starr	- - - - -	50 00
Hooker	- - - - -	53 55
Arnold	- - - - -	50 00

making in all, the sum of \$178 55;
that there remains, therefore, disposable for further purposes, the sum of \$713 84.

In regard to future appropriations, the Trustees recommend that there be paid by the Bishop, *one tenth* of the whole sum above named as the proceeds of the year, to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, as the "Offering of the Church," in the Diocese of New-Jersey, for the *general purposes* of the Society; and that the remainder be appropriated, under the direction of the Bishop, to Missionary purposes in the Diocese of New-Jersey.

(Signed,)

CLARKSON DUNN,
GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, } Trustees.
DAYTON I. CANFIELD.

The Convention, on motion, went into the election of Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," for the ensuing year, when

The Rev. Mr. Dunn, Dayton I. Canfield, Esq.,
Mr. Morehouse, Peter Guerard Esq.,
were re-elected.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn, as one of the Agents for the Episcopal Fund, under the appointment of the Bishop, made the following Report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed:

The subscriber, as Agent for the Episcopal Fund, begs leave to report, that he has obtained subscriptions amounting to \$2532, of which there has been collected by him, and paid to the Treasurer of the Convention the sum of \$306.

(Signed,)

CLARKSON DUNN.

The following Report from the Rev. Harry Finch, an Agent for the same purpose, under the same appointment, was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed:

* The average annual Missionary receipts of the whole Diocese, for the last seven years, was \$266 05.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir—

As an Agent appointed agreeably to the resolutions of the last Annual Convention of the Diocese of New-Jersey, for soliciting subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, I visited most of the parishes assigned me in your instructions. Having a widely extended parish under my pastoral care, I have been unable to give the agency that time and attention necessary to bring the subject properly before the Episcopalians, embraced in that section of the Diocese assigned me. I have been able to preach on the subject only in two parishes, viz. New-Brunswick and Spotswood. In Swedesborough, I had an opportunity of addressing a few of the people who had assembled at a weekly lecture, on the object of my agency, and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Nash, their Rector, whose pertinent remarks and kind attentions greatly furthered my agency, and rendered it as pleasant to me as circumstances would permit.

The senior warden of Trinity Church, Princeton, John Potter Esq., thought it inexpedient at that time, to call upon the Episcopalians belonging to that parish, as they had but a short time before, been solicited to contribute to the extent of their ability, towards the erection of their Church edifice. He however assured me, that he would at a proper time, do all in his power to promote the increase of the Fund, by contributions in that congregation.

In the parish of New-Brunswick, I called on most of the Episcopalians. It was my intention to have visited all, but I was prevented, by the impression of their Rector that it would be useless and inexpedient.

Camden and Colestown were entirely omitted, at the earnest solicitation of their Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Starr, with the consent of the Rt. Rev. Bishop; but with the understanding that the Missionary himself would perform the duties of the agency in those parishes at a proper time.

For the want of time, and other circumstances, I have not been able to perform the duties of the agency in the parishes of Mount Holly, Penns' Neck, Freehold, Middletown and Shrewsbury;—and should these parishes be visited, it will be necessary to alter the conditions of the subscription, either as to the time of paying the first instalment, or as to the number of instalments.

In the congregation at Swedesborough, there was manifested much interest on the subject, and the subscriptions were general, from the most wealthy to the poorest member of the Church. Under such circumstances, the duties of the Agent were rendered more pleasant, than in most of the other parishes; and a laudable example, in contributing according to the means with which a bountiful Providence has blessed us, was set for the imitation of others.

I cannot close my report without recording my testimony in favour of the little parish of Spotswood. The praise of this little flock should be in all the Churches. In no instance have they been behind other congregations; and in their subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, they have far exceeded those parishes I have visited. But a single instance of a refusal to subscribe occurred. I should be deficient in an act of justice, did I not mention the kind co-operation of their Rector, the Rev. Mr. Ward. He

accompanied me and introduced me to his parishoners, which facilitated, and rendered more pleasant the duties of my agency. I am satisfied that had the same interest been manifested by the Minister, and people in all the parishes I have visited, as in this, more than the amount contemplated by the Convention, would have been subscribed.

The amount subscribed in each parish, and the amount of instalments paid to the agent, are as follows:

paid to the agent, are as follows.			
Salem Subscription,	\$115 00	Amount of instalment paid	\$3 00
New-Brunswick	201 00		31 00
Camden	25 00		0 00
Swedesborough	192 75		21 50
Burlington	290 83		59 50
Berkley	67 00		1 00
Trenton	99 00		55 00
Spottswood	128 75		29 75
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Whole am't subscribed	\$1,119 33	Amount paid	\$200 75
Paid to the Treasurer, by hands of Rev. J. Croes,		\$113 00 }	\$148 00
Expenses of agency,		35 00 }	
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Amount in hands of Agent,			\$52 75

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Reports of the Agents on the fund, be referred to a Committee to consider and report.

The Rev. Mr. Henderson, and John Joseph Chetwood, Esq., were appointed.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Mason, it was

Resolved, That a new Committee be appointed to inquire, and report to the next Convention, as to the existence and condition of certain property, in Greenwich, Cumberland county, said to belong to the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Mason, and C. C. Stratton, Esq., were appointed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with power to sell a certain lot of ground in the city of New Brunswick, the property of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Croes, and William H. Lupp, Esq., were appointed.

On motion, the Convention then went into the election of a Treasurer, when James Hunter Sterling, Esq., of the city of Burlington, was unanimously elected.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Mason, it was

Resolved, That in agreement with the suggestion of the Bishop, in his Address, it be recommended to the Clergy to open their several Churches, for divine worship: on the fourth day of July in each year, to

deliver an appropriate sermon, and to make a collection in aid of Missions to Africa, under the direction of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Committee appointed to collect a complete set of the Journals of the Convention. being called on for their Report, Mr. Collet stated, in behalf of the committee, that progress had been made, but that the collection was not yet complete.

On motion, a new Committee was appointed—M. W. Collet, Esq., and Josiah Harrison, Esq.

The Committee on the reports of the agents for the Episcopal Fund, made report; which was accepted, and ordered to be printed, as follows:

The Committee, to whom were referred the reports of the Rev. Messrs. Dunn and Finch, Agents for the increase of the Episcopal Fund, have examined the statements of the Agents, and find that the whole sum subscribed is \$3651 33,—(collected by the Rev. Mr. Dunn \$2532 00, and by the Rev. Mr. Finch \$1119 33,)—of which there has been paid the sum of \$528 75—(to Mr. Dunn \$328, and to Mr. Finch \$200 75.)—The Committee feel highly gratified at the success which has thus far attended the energetic and zealous exertions of the Agents, in the furtherance of this important matter, and earnestly recommend that there be no abatement in their further attention to it.

Signed,

M. H. HENDERSON,
J. J. CHETWOOD.

Mr. Boudinot then called up the amendment to the first article of the Constitution, proposed by him at the last Convention, which was adopted—so that the article now reads,

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the last Wednesday in May, in each year, to be held alternately at Burlington and Newark.

On motion, the Convention went into Committee of the whole house, for the further consideration of the revision of the constitution.

After much deliberation, the Committee rose, reported a proposed Constitution, in twelve articles,* to be acted on at the next Convention, and were discharged.

On motion, Fifty Dollars were voted to the Treasurer for his services for the ensuing year.

The Committee on the revision of the Constitution, to whom were also committed the canons, and the whole ecclesiastical law of the diocese, by the Rev. Mr. Croes, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the Constitution, and to be continued in regard to the other parts of their commission.

* The proposed Constitution will be found in the Appendix.

On motion, their request was granted.

On motion, the Bishop was added to the Committee.

The Bishop, in behalf of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund, presented their annual Report, which was read, approved, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

The Bishop, in behalf of the Directors of the Missionary Fund, of which he is President, reports, that under the direction of the Board, the Rev. Messrs. Ward, Douglass, and Jaques, continue to officiate as formerly; and that services have been rendered by the Rev. Mr. Arnold, at Freehold, the Rev. Mr. Starr, at Camden and Colestown; the Rev. Mr. Freeman, at Belvidere and Harmony, in Warren county, and at Dover, in Morris county; and the Rev. Mr. Hooker, at Bordentown and Belleville. The following allowances have been made:

To Mr. Ward, \$50 for Spotswood and South Amboy;—Mr. Douglass 100, for Woodbridge, Piscataway and Alexandria;—Mr. Jaques 150, for Knowlton, Hope and Johnsonsburg;—Mr. Arnold 50;—Mr. Starr 100, Mr. Hooker 53 55, and Mr. Freeman at the rate of \$400 per annum for nine months.

The reports of the Missionaries are as follow:—

SOUTH AMBOY.

Rev. J. M. WARD, Missionary.

Shortly after the rising of the last Convention, a small but commodious house was erected by the Rail-road Company, at South Amboy, to answer the purpose of a place of worship, and also for a Sunday and week day School. The first service was held there by the Bishop, on his annual visitation of the parishes, and a respectable congregation assembled to hear for the first time the services of the Episcopal Church. Since that period, divine service has been held on every Sunday afternoon during the Summer, and on every third Sunday evening during the winter. From the situation of the place, and its rapid growth, expectations are reasonably indulged, that in time, a flourishing congregation may be collected there. A Sunday School consisting of about 20 scholars, has been in successful operation, and promises to be highly beneficial.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PISCATAWAY.

Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Missionary.

Families, (2 removed,) present number 19; communicants, (2 added, 3 removed,) 11; baptisms, 2; no marriages; funerals, 2.

The minister of this congregation has to Report, that after using every

exertion to induce each individual to contribute something weekly towards the "Offerings of the Church," he has prevailed upon very few. His plan was, first, to read to them that portion of the Bishop's Address and Journal of the Convention, which related to the "Offerings of the Church;" and subsequently, the Bishop's Pastoral Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese on the same subject. Then, after publicly exhorting them to the duty of systematic charity, he himself waited upon each individual with a book prepared for the purpose, in which was one column for subscribers' names, another for the weekly subscriptions, and a third for the amount per annum; and urged them as much as possible, to adopt this most excellent plan. Although he feels somewhat disappointed in the result, he still entertains a hope that more will yet be induced to become weekly subscribers. Those who have subscribed, were requested to do it from the first Sunday after the Convention, which they willingly complied with.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE.

Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Missionary.

Families, (1 removed,) present number 5; communicants, (1 added) 5, no baptisms, marriages, nor funerals.

Divine service has been performed in this Church regularly on Sunday afternoons, except once in six weeks, when the Minister visited the congregation at St. Thomas' Church, Alexandria, and on four Sundays when he was prevented by the stormy weather.—Those in this very small congregation who have contributed to the "Offerings of the Church," paid their whole amount at once, which was handed to the Treasurer as soon after as possible.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA.

Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Missionary.

Communicants 4; baptisms 2; marriage 1; funeral 1.—This Congregation has been visited as usual, every sixth Sunday, and when the weather was favourable, the Church was well attended. Yet no perceptible improvement has been made in this congregation in the manner of using the Book of Common Prayer, and making the responses. A few individuals at Sydney, have expressed a wish to have the ministrations of the Church in their neighbourhood, distant about six miles from St. Thomas', but for want of a convenient room, the present Missionary has never officiated there. Owing to the remote distance which he resides from this parish, the Missionary has not been able to wait upon each individual personally, neither could he prevail upon any one individual in the congregation to undertake it, he has, however, read to them those portions of the Bishop's address, &c., as to the other congregations under his care, and exhorted them to the like duty, but without the desired effect.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, COLESTOWN.

Rev. SAMUEL STARR, Deacon, Minister.

The services of the Church, in this parish, had been entirely suspended, or performed at irregular and distant intervals, for a long period previous to the latter part of September last. Since this time, the Church has been regularly opened on every Sunday morning. Owing to the suspension of regular worship, and of pastoral care, a considerable portion of the congregation became indifferent to religion and to the Church; and many, whose religious sensibilities were not entirely blunted, connected themselves with other denominations. But since the time just mentioned, at which the Church was again regularly opened, the congregation has been gradually increasing; and though its religious character is not so decided and elevated as could be wished, it is evident that the labours of the Minister have not been unaccompanied with the blessing of God. It has been thought, by many of the congregation, that a Parish Library is here especially needed; and, accordingly, one has been recently formed, numbering more than fifty well selected volumes. It is believed, that, under God, it will be an important instrument of disseminating correct views of religious faith and practice, and in more thoroughly instructing the congregation in the doctrines, worship and discipline of the Church to which we belong. A Sunday School has likewise been organized, with 40 scholars, and a competent number of teachers. In consequence of the distance from the Church at which the different families of the congregation reside, the school will be attended with less punctuality, and be less efficient, than otherwise it would be. But notwithstanding this, it promises important usefulness, not only to the children, but to the adult members of the congregation. There is an evidently increasing interest in all the concerns of the parish; and the minister who has been sent to the aid of its spiritual necessities, has the consolation of believing, that his labours are not "in vain in the Lord."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.

Rev. SAMUEL STARR, Deacon, Missionary.

This Church, in connexion with St. Mary's, Colestown, has been regularly supplied with the services of a resident Minister since the latter part of last September. Previous to this period it was favored with the occasional services of several Clergymen of Philadelphia, whose kindness and gratuitous services the congregation will long remember with the liveliest feelings of gratitude. From the time in which the services have been statedly performed, there has been manifested an increasing activity and religious zeal; and the few individuals who were instrumental in organizing, and for four years keeping the parish in existence, have become encouraged in their prospects, and confidently anticipate the speedy arrival of the time, in which their number will be increased to a

vigorous congregation. As an evidence of this confidence, the parish, finding the City Hall in which the services have always hitherto been performed, becoming too small for its accommodation, have commenced the erection of a Church edifice of stone, 43 feet by 65. The walls are already nearly completed, and in a month's time it is expected that it will be entirely enclosed, and the basement story be soon occupied as the place of public worship. It is feared that the want of funds will prevent the immediate completion of the building. The parish has been aided by its Episcopal friends in Philadelphia, and gladly embraces the opportunity here afforded of making a public acknowledgment for their liberal contributions. It is due to the ladies of the congregation, always forward in good word and work, to state, that through their activity, industry and zeal, the sum of nearly 700 dollars has been recently raised, and at once promptly deposited in the hands of the building Committee, to be expended at their discretion. But yet the whole sum raised, falls much short of the amount requisite to finish the Church; and the congregation, in their poverty, here feel constrained to present their wants before their brethren in their own diocese, most firmly believing that no other channel can be found in which their Christian benevolence and religious charities can flow with greater promise of success in promoting the glory of God in the salvation of souls.

The Sunday School numbers 120 scholars, and a Parish Library is immediately to be formed. The field is, in every respect, promising. A large proportion of the population, within the limits of the parish, are indifferent to religion in all its forms. But amongst this class, and also amongst those of other religious denominations, the Episcopal Church is highly respected; and when the building is completed, there is every reasonable prospect that, under the ordinary blessings of Heaven upon the faithful employment of means, a large congregation may be gathered into the fold of Christ's flock, and be built up in the knowledge of the Lord.

ZION CHURCH, BELVIDERE.

Rev. REUBEN H. FREEMAN, Deacon, Missionary.

Rt. Rev. Sir;—

Since my appointment as Missionary, I have performed Divine Service, and preached as follows:—

At Belvidere, 23 times; at Dover, 14 times; at Harmony, 7 times; at Rocksburgh, 4 miles from Belvidere, 5 times; at Newhampton, twice; at Johnsonsburgh, once; at Hope, once for the Rev. Mr. Jaques, and once by exchange with the same; at St. James', Knowlton, once in the evening of a week-day, once on a Sunday evening by exchange with the Rev. Mr. Jaques, and once when I preached and assisted the Rev. Mr. Dunn in the administration of the Lord's Supper; at Newton, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Dunn, and at his request, I performed Divine Service, and preached once on Sunday, and on the Tuesday following, attended a funeral, and preached. At Orange, I performed Service, and preached

morning and evening for the Rev. Mr. Holmes. At Belvidere, a Church was organized and incorporated, on the 30th of September, 1833, under the title of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of "Zion Church, Belvidere." The "Offerings of the Church," which were introduced the 1st of January, that have been paid in, amount to 38 dollars. The amount on subscription for a Chapel is, \$300; families and contributors, about 30; communicants 5; baptisms, children 5; marriage, 1.

The attendance on the services of the Church at Dover and Harmony has been very respectable. It is believed that a very favourable impression has been made at Dover; I have baptised one adult, and 3 children at that place. The amount received there for the Missionary Fund is 20 dollars.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,
R. H. FREEMAN.

St. JAMES' CHURCH, KNOWLTON.

Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Deacon, Missionary.

Families, (5 connected with Zion Church, Belvidere,) 35; communicants, (1 added, 8 removed,) 18; baptisms, (2 adults, 7 children,) 9; persons confirmed, 3; marriages 4; funeral 1; Sunday School scholars 50; amount collected for the "Offerings of the Church," \$26 01.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HOPE.

Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Deacon, Missionary.

Families 20; communicants, (1 added, 1 erroneously omitted in last report, 4 removed,) 14; baptisms, (3 adults, 4 children,) 7; persons confirmed 5; marriages 2; funerals 3; amount collected for the "Offerings of the Church," \$16 86.

CHRIST CHURCH,* JOHNSONSBURGH.

Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Deacon, Missionary.

This congregation has enjoyed stated services for the year past, and is gradually rising from its ruinous state, to considerable strength. It has 2 communicants, and has contributed \$1 69 to the "Offerings of the Church."

* Not St. John's as reported last year.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. GEORGE W. DOANE, D. D.,

President of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Fund.

Rt. Rev. Sir:—

The time has again arrived, when it is made my duty to present unto your Board, an annual statement of my services, and the condition of the people, among whom I have laboured. In the discharge of this duty, I offer the following as a record of facts and circumstances, respecting both them and myself.

During the year past, my time has been divided between the congregations of St. James' Church, Knowlton, St. Luke's, Hope, Christ Church, Johnsonsburgh, and the Episcopalians at Belvidere. The first four months of which, each of these received one fourth part of my time and attention; Divine Service being regularly celebrated once a fortnight, in each. On the first of October, I resigned the Episcopalians at Belvidere, to the charge of the Rev. R. H. Freeman, the newly appointed Missionary to that, and other stations in the county; and from that time, to the present, my labours have been confined to St James', Knowlton; St. Luke's, Hope, and Christ Church, Johnsonsburgh.—The first two, have had regular services, from the first of October, every Lord's day, except a few times when I was either sick, or called to minister elsewhere; and the last, every fourth Sunday morning, when I officiated in the afternoon and evening, at Hope and Knowlton.—Of

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

I am pleased to remark, that notwithstanding it has suffered some loss the year past, it has not been, since my connexion with the parish, in a more flourishing state than it now is. A greater degree of zeal for her interests, and a more devout attachment to the doctrines and customs of the Church, are now manifested throughout the congregation, than have been exhibited at any former period. Divine service, as stated above, has been celebrated every Lord's day, either in the morning, afternoon, or evening, as well as on most of the Festivals and Fasts; when I have either delivered a sermon or an address, explaining and enforcing the observation of the days, and the improvement to be derived therefrom. Two adults, and 7 children, have been baptised; 3 persons confirmed; 1 added to the communion; and 4 marriages solemnized. The Sunday School has been reopened, and was *never* more flourishing. The S. S. Society is increasing its exertions. The Bible Class, the exercises of which, were suspended last year, on account of my ill health, has been revived under the most favourable circumstances; and meets regularly every Friday evening, in the Church, for recitation; which is always preceded by the Daily Evening Prayer.

A few ladies of the congregation, uniting their influence, have formed themselves into a society, called "the Ladies' Industrious Circle," for the

purpose of contributing towards the support of all useful operations within their own parish, and hold their meetings semi-monthly.

This congregation has also done something, (though not as much as we could have wished,) towards the "Offerings of the Church." The collections have been made according to the plan recommended by the Bishop, in his "Pastoral Letter," on the last Sunday of each month; when I either delivered an address, in addition to my sermon, on the Missionary cause, or made an application of the sermon thereto. The contributions to this fund, have not been so general as I hope they will be hereafter. All, however who have contributed thereto, have dated, as requested, their "Offerings" back to the 1st Sunday in June;—and the whole amount raised is, \$26 91. Considerable difficulty is found to attend the frequent collection, on account of the inhabitants of the country not being able at all times, to make the necessary change; but, however, upon the whole, they are deemed best, as they best tend to promote systematic charity.

In the affairs of the congregation of

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,

no material change has taken place since the last Convention:—With St. James' it has had (exception as above,) my services once every Sunday, from the 1st of October, to the 6th April; when, for the want of a suitable room for worship, I was obliged to suspend the services—and none since has been performed there. This obstacle, however, it is hoped, will soon be removed, and the congregation again enjoy the blessings resulting from statedly "assembling themselves together." The completion of our Church edifice, which still remains in an unfinished state, is looked forward to with much solicitude. The prosperity of our Church in this village, greatly depends upon the speedy accomplishment of this desirable object.—Could it in any way be effected this summer, a very considerable increase of the congregation, it is believed, would be the immediate result. I am happy to state, that there is one step now being taken, which will very much facilitate the work—hands are now engaged to complete the building, so far, as to render it fit for present use.

Three adults and 4 children have been baptized; 5 persons confirmed; 1 added to the communion; 2 marriages have taken place; and I have been called to attend 3 funerals. Collections have also been made in this parish, for the "Offerings of the Church," on the same plan of those in St. James', and amount to \$18 86. It is hoped that this amount will be considerably increased next year.

CHRIST CHURCH, JOHNSONSBURGH,

since my last report, has enjoyed regular divine service. From the first Sunday in June, to the first in October, once every other Sunday; and from that time, to this, every fourth Sunday morning. This ancient parish, which existed for some time only in name, is now rising from its

runs and putting on strength. From the peculiar situation, and other success were entertained when I began my *missionary* efforts here, for the good of the Church, to excite *unwearied interest* in favour thereof, and give us the *pleasing prospect* of a *thriving* congregation, at some future day. The service was first performed here without a *single* response: but now there are *all united* in the *order*. The hearers have *greatly* multiplied; and, although the most of them are yet strangers to the Church, they *seem* much pleased with the beauty, order, and solemnity of our mode of worship. Could the services be established here more frequently than they have heretofore been, it is confidently believed that a respectable congregation might soon be realized. This Church has two communicants, and has given \$1 69 to the "Offerings of the Church."

Since we were deprived of a convenient room for the celebration of our services at Hope, I have officiated since every other Sunday at

BRADY'S SCHOOL HOUSE.

near Fleetown, in the north part of St. James' Parish, to large and attentive congregations. There are several Episcopal families residing in this neighborhood, who very seldom attend the services in the Church. It is hoped that this may be the means of raising them to a proper sense of their duty to the Church, and ensuring their more frequent attendance at the place of worship. I have proposed giving them occasional services in future; and it is anticipated, (the present building being by far too small to accommodate the people,) to erect here, at no very distant day, a Chapel of ease; which would tend greatly to promote the cause of religion among them.

In addition to the above services, I have officiated twice on a Sunday for the Rev. Mr. Cries, in Christ Church, New Brunswick, once on a Sunday for the Rev. Dr. Butler, in St. Paul's Church, Troy; twice on a Sunday for the Rev. Mr. Douglass, in St. James' Church, Piscataway, A. M., and Trinity Church, Woodbridge, P. M.; and three times on two Sundays, in Christ Church, Newton, in exchange with the Rev. C. Dunn, for the purpose of his administering the communion at St. James' Church, Knowlton, and in Hope.

From the above statements, it must appear that the Church, notwithstanding the great difficulties under which she still labours, is gradually lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. May she march onwards in her glorious career, triumphing over prejudice and opposition, and "adorning the doctrines of God her Saviour, in all things."

PETER L. JACQUES, Missionary.

May 28, 1834.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That after attending divine service, the Convention will rise.

Evening prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Holmes, a sermon on *the duties, responsibilities, and rewards of the Clerical office*, was preached by the Bishop, and the Convention rose.

G. W. DOANE, D. D., *President.*

Attest, JOHN CROES, *Secretary.*

The next Annual Convention will be held, by divine permission, in St. Mary's Church, Burlington. on the last Wednesday in May, 1835.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-JERSEY

MAY, 1834.

The Right Rev. GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D. D.,
BISHOP of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. JAMES CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, North
Amboy.

The Rev. JOHN CROES, Rector of Christ Church, New-Brunswick.

The Rev. GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,
Mount Holly.

The Rev. CLARKSON DUNN, Rector of Christ Church, Newton.

The Rev. JOHN M. WARD, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Spotswood,
and Missionary to South Amboy.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange.

The Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, Minister of St. James' Church, Pis-
cataway; and Missionary to Trinity Church, Woodbridge, and St.
Thomas' Church, Alexandria.

The Rev. HENRY M. MASON, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem,
and of St. George's Church, Penn's Neck.

The Rev. EDMUND D. BARRY, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's
Church, Jersey City.

The Rev. HARRY FINCH, Rector of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, and
of Christ Church, Middletown.

The Rev. NORMAN NASH, Minister of Trinity Church, Swedesborough.

The Rev. FREDERICK BEASLEY, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's
Church, Trenton.

The Rev. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, Rector of Trinity Church,
Newark.

The Rev. HEWLETT R. PETERS, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Mor-
ristown.

The Rev. RALPH WILLISTON, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Pater-
son.

The Rev. SAMUEL EDWIN ARNOLD, Missionary, Minister of St.
Peter's Church, Freehold; and Principal of the Academy.

The Rev. CHARLES WILLIAMS, D. D., residing in Burlington; and, in
the absence of the Rector, officiating in St. Mary's Church.

The Rev. MATTHEW MATTHEWS.

The Rev. SIMON WILMER, (of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,) officiates in St. Peter's Church, Berkley; St. John's Church, Chew's Landing; St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill; and St. Thomas' Church, Glassborough.

DEACONS.

The Rev. PETER L. JAQUES, Missionary, officiating in St. James' Church, Knowlton; St. Luke's Church, Hope; and Christ Church, Johnsonsburgh.

The Rev. REUBEN H. FREEMAN, Missionary, officiating in Zion Church, Belvidere, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. SAMUEL STARR, Missionary, officiating in St. Mary's Church, Colestown; and St. Paul's Church, Camden.

The Rev. RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, Minister of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown—24.

The *Secretary* of the Convention, the Rev. JOHN CROES, resides at New-Brunswick.

The *Treasurer* of the Convention, JAMES HUNTER STERLING Esq., P. M., resides at Burlington.

NOTICE TO THE CLERGY.

The Reverend Clergy, (in vacant parishes, the Wardens,) are requested to report to me, at the close of one month from the Convention, the amount subscribed in their several parishes, to the "Offerings of the Church." I shall thus be enabled to make a fair estimate of the Missionary income of the year, and to make arrangements accordingly.

G. W. DOANE.

*St. Mary's Parsonage,
Burlington, 29th May, 1834.*

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APPENDIX, No. II.

DR. *The EPISCOPAL FUND in account current*

1833.		
May 30	To cash paid the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, by order of the Convention	\$206 92
Aug. 22	To cash paid Exr's of Rt. Rev. Bp. Croes, dec'd, 2mo. and 12d. int. on Bond No. 9 (to Aug. 1st 1832)	5 59
" "	To cash paid do. 1 y'r and 3 mo. int. on No. 4	9 33
Sep. 30	To Do. loaned on bond and mortgage, No. 10	200 00
Oct. 10	To Do. invested, &c. No. 11	260 00
Dec. 2	To Do. paid Exr's of Bp. Croes, int. on No. 3	26 60
1834.		
April 28	To Do. invested on bond and mortgage &c. No. 12	500 00
May 28	To Do. paid Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane by order of the Convention,	\$260 68
" 29	To cash paid Rev. J. Croes for acc't, and by order of Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane,	24 00
" 29	To cash invested on Bond No. 13	100 00
June 3	Balance due the Fund	877 16
		<hr/> \$2,470 28

STATE OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Bond No 3 for	- - - - -	\$380 00
Bond No 5	- - - - -	200 00
Bond No 9	- - - - -	417 00
Note No 9	- - - - -	33 00
Note No 11	- - - - -	260 00
Bond No 12	- - - - -	500 00
Bond No 13	- - - - -	100 00
Cash Balance	- - - - -	877 16

APPENDIX No. II.

with WILLIAM H. LUPP, *Treasurer.* Cr.

1833.		
May 30	By balance on last settlement	\$169 33
" "	By amount of Bp. Doane's donation to the Episcopal Fund	206 92
July 11	By cash 1 year's interest on No. 7	30 00
Aug. 5	Principal of Bond No. 6	203 75
" "	Eleven mo. and 19 days interest on No. 6	11 84
" 19	Cash, principal of Note No. 4	100 00
" "	Two years 4 mo. and 23 days interest on No. 4, at 7 per cent.	16 76
" "	One year and 3 mo. interest on No. 9	35 00
" "	Cash, in part payment of principal of do.	50 00
Oct. 9	Cash, 1 year interest on No. 3	26 00
1834.		
Mar. 14	By cash received of Rev. H. Finch, agent, (deducting \$1 25 loss on Note of Bank of New Brunswick)	111 75
April 28	Cash in payment of principal of Note 7	500 00
" "	One year and 28 days interest on do.	32 34
May 18	Collection in Christ Church, New-Brunswick	9 22
" 26	Do. made in St. Peter's Ch. Perth Amboy	5 40
" 28	Do. in St. Mark's, Orange	6 29
" "	By annual instalment, viz:—From Mr. Howell \$5, Mr. C. Harrison 10, Mr. Samuel Williams 10, Mr. A. Williams 10, Mr. J. B. Pennington 10, Mr. Gifford 10, Mr. J. H. Sterling \$3	98 00
" "	By cash received from Mr. Stratton, viz: of Jos. Batten \$5, Mr. G. Batten 1, Mr. Samuel Vandyke 2, Mr. Wm. N. Groff 5, Mr. C. C. Stratton \$5	18 00
" "	By cash received of Rev. Mr. Mason, from Mrs. R. Kinsey \$5, Mrs. Hall 5, Miss E. Mecum 2, Mr. James Staughton \$2	14 00
" "	By cash received of Rev. Mr. Dunn, agent, &c.	306 00
" "	Do. collection made in St. Andrews, Mt. Holly	5 50
" "	Do. do made in St. Matthews, Jersey City	6 00
" "	Do. do made in Trinity Church, Newark	16 00
" 29	Do. received of Rev. Mr. Finch, agent, &c.	52 75
" "	Do. collection in Christ Church, Shrewsbury	10 05
" "	By amount of Bp. Doane's donation to the Episcopal Fund	260 68
June 3	Amount in payment of principal of Bond No. 10	200 00
" "	Eight months and 3 days interest of do.	8 10

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W. H. LUPP, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX No. II.

Dr. *The MISSIONARY FUND in account with*

1833.			
July 30	To cash paid Rev Mr Jaques, as per order		\$75 00
Aug 21	To cash paid Josiah Harrison, for printing		127 50
Sep 19	To cash paid Rev Mr Jaques, Missionary		37 50
Oct 10	To cash paid E. Wilson for Amwell Church fence		3 75
Nov 29	To cash paid Rev Mr Freeman for Missionary services		50 00
Dec 19	To cash paid Rev Mr Douglass for do		75 00
1834.			
Feb 28	To cash paid Rev Mr Jaques for do		37 50
Mar 5	To cash paid Rev Mr Freeman for do		25 00
Ap 24	To cash paid Rev Mr Jaques for do		50 00
My 29	To cash paid Rev Mr Douglass for do		25 00
" 31	To cash paid Rev Mr Freeman do		142 52
" 31	To cash paid Rev Mr Ward do		50 00
June 3	Balance due the Fund		279 08
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STATE OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

Bond No 1 for	- - - - -	\$210 34
Bond No 7 for	- - - - -	150 00
Bond No 21 for	- - - - -	200 00
Bond No 25 for	- - - - -	250 00
Bond No 26 for	- - - - -	410 00
Bond No 27 for	- - - - -	300 00
Bond No 29 for	- - - - -	150 00
Bond No 32 for	- - - - -	400 00
Bond No 33 for	- - - - -	1000 00
Bond No 34 for	- - - - -	750 00
Bond No 35 for	- - - - -	260 00
Cash Balance	- - - - -	279 08
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APPENDIX No. II.

WILLIAM H. LUPP, *Treasurer.*

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1833.			
May 30	By balance on last settlement		\$20 63
June 5	By one year's interest on Bond No 32		24 00
July 9	By one year's interest on Bond No 23		24 00
Sep 25	By one year's interest on Bond No 33		60 00
1834.			
Feb 28	By Church Offerings, viz:—St James', Knowlton, \$12 32; St Luke's, Hope, \$6 16; and St John's Johnsonsburgh 42 cents, (by the Rev Mr Jaques,)		18 90
Mar 27	By Woodbridge Church Offerings, (Rev Mr Douglass,)		6 35
Ap'l 11	By one year's interest on Bond No 35		15 60
May 20	By cash in part payment of one year's interest on No 29		7 00
" 26	By collection made in St Peter's Church, Perth Amboy		4 60
" 26	By Church Offerings from do do do		15 00
" 27	By Church Offerings from St James', Piscataway		8 16
	By collection made in St Thomas', Alexandria		2 49
	By Church Offerings from Christ Church, New Brunswick—the gross amount		79 98
	By cash in payment of principal of Bond No 23		400 00
	By one year and 16 day's interest of do		24 40
	By one year's interest on Bond No 32		24 00
" 28	By amount collected in St Andrew's Church, Mt Holly		5 75
	By amount collected in St Peter's Church, Spotswood		4 12
	By Church Offerings from St Mark's, Orange		49 15
	By do St Peter's, Freehold		10 00
	By do St Peter's, Morristown		32 06
	By do St Andrew's, Mount Holly		15 00
	By do St Matthew's, Jersey City		14 58
	By do Christ, Newton		25 00
	By do St John's, Salem		30 00
	By do St John's, Elizabethtown		18 00
	By do Christ, Shrewsbury		39 07
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W. H. LUPP, *Treasurer.*

June 3, 1834

of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Orange, Essex county, N. J., except another reversion is stated by the donor at the time of subscribing.
January 27, 1834.

(Signed,) CALEB HARRISON, one thousand dollars,
 SAMUEL WILLIAMS, fifteen hundred dollars.
 AMOS WILLIAMS, six hundred dollars,
 DANIEL BABBIT, one hundred and fifty dollars,
 ICHABOD CONDIT, one hundred and fifty dollars,
 AMOS A. HARRISON, one hundred and fifty dollars,
 JOHN HARRISON, one thousand dollars,
 BENJ. WILLIAMS, two hundred and fifty dollars,
 IRA and JOEL W. CONDIT, two hundred dollars.

And whereas, this Vestry is desirous of promoting the object of the above mentioned persons, it is therefore Resolved,

1. That the said sum is received by this Vestry for the purpose, and on the conditions expressed in the above cited instrument.

2. That the faith of this corporation is hereby pledged to the above persons, and to all others who may hereafter contribute to the same, that the said corporation will not appropriate or consent to the appropriation of any part of the said fund, or of the interest or proceeds thereof, to any other purpose than that for which it was originally designed and created, and that they will not apply, or consent to the application of any part of the principal of said fund towards the salary or compensation of any minister, but only the interest or the income thereof, and that they will endeavour to have the said fund always well secured for the purpose aforesaid. It being however, expressly provided that this corporation in this case, does not bind itself to collect the notes of the original subscribers, if, in its judgment, the collecting thereof should interfere with the comfort of the families of said subscribers.

3. That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be given to each subscriber.

4. That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, for the purpose of having it preserved among the papers of the Diocese, as evidence of the intention of the donors to this fund, in the contingency provided for in the third article of the form of subscription.

A true copy from the minutes.

BENJAMIN HOLMES, Rector.

D. BABBIT, Secretary *pro-tem*.

APPENDIX No. VI.

LIST OF ABOUT AN HUNDRED VOLUMES, RECOMMENDED
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TRINITY CHURCH, NEWARK.

In Convention, May 28th and 29th, 1834.

On motion, by ARCHER GIFFORD, Esq., the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS the number of Journals hitherto published, is insufficient for the increased demands of the Church, in this diocese, therefore,

Resolved, That *one thousand* copies of the Journal of this Convention, (being *double* the former number,) be printed for the usual distribution.

On motion, by JOHN JOSEPH CHETWOOD, Esq., it was

Resolved, That *five hundred* copies of the Address of the BISHOP, this day delivered, in addition to those attached to the Journal of the Convention, be printed, and, as soon as practicable, circulated among the congregations of the diocese.

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ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY,
AND OF THE LAITY,

It is through the good providence of God, that we are again assembled for consultation, as to the best execution of that sacred stewardship in his Church, which he has entrusted to our hands; and the sentiments which especially become us, are devout gratitude for his merciful preservation of us, and entire devotion of ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to the furtherance of his service and glory. Our responsibility so great, our purposes and efforts at the best, so poor and feeble, our time so fearfully uncertain, and, at the longest, so very short,—how fervent should our supplications be, that He who has called us to his service, would graciously accept the best we have to bring; and, sanctifying us wholly, make us an acceptable people in His sight, and our labours and our offerings, promotive, through the heavenly blessing, of the kingdom and honour of His dear Son! Of those who, at the last assembling of ourselves together, united their prayers with ours for these desirable results, all* are not present now. The venerable Dr. WHARTON, the senior Presbyter, not only of our own diocese,

* I shall be pardoned in commemorating here, those valuable services in his life, and that clear, cogent, and comfortable testimony to the truth and power of the Gospel, in his death, which make the name of the late Dr. MONTGOMERY, a name to be cherished and held in honour by the whole Church, at whose altars he so faithfully served. Though for several of his latest years, an honoured and influential Clergyman of an adjoining diocese, his first ministry was in the diocese of New Jersey, and his heart was much with us. He was present at our last Convention, and entered with the liveliest sympathy into all our interests and hopes. Having richly enjoyed his confidence and friendship for many years, and been with him in the trying, but, through grace, triumphant hour of his death, I desire to put on record, my approbation of his principles, my admiration of his spirit, and my most grateful recollection of his endearing private virtues, and of his eminent usefulness to the Church.

but of the whole American Church, whose name has honoured place in all our journals from the first year of the present century, and whose latest public service was his engagement with so much zeal and earnestness, in the affairs of our last Convention, fell asleep in Jesus, on the morning of the twenty-third day of July last, and now rests in hope by the side of that peaceful sanctuary in which, for more than thirty-five years, he had ministered before God.—Of his eminent abilities, ripe scholarship, and rare virtues,—his high standing in the Church, his long and useful services, and the beautiful illustration which the life which he lived, through grace, afforded of the doctrines and precepts which he proclaimed,—occasion has been taken, at other times, and in another way, to speak. With you who knew him, loved him, and honoured him, there needs no prompter of his praise. The faithful servant of the Church through a long life, and, by the disposition of his property, her liberal benefactor,* the record here made, is due to them who shall come after; that, encouraged by his example, they may emulate his excellence, and enjoy its rewards.

Since the last Convention, my residence at Burlington, which was then temporary, and without parochial charge, has assumed a different character. Being, of course, from my distant residence, unacquainted with the local peculiarities of the diocese, I determined at my consecration, not to decide on the place of my abode among you, until I had become satisfied by personal investigation, and the careful comparison of individual opinions, as to what seemed the position most favourable to the discharge of my official duties, and the advancement of the interests of the Church. I did not doubt, moreover, that in the lapse of time, the course of Providence would be developed with sufficient clearness. Soon after I had gone into temporary residence at Burlington, (to which I was chiefly induced by local and

*Dr. Wharton had entered on his 86th year, and had been more than 61 years a minister of Christ. By his will, he left *one thousand dollars* to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; and made St. Mary's Church, Burlington, his residuary legatee.

personal considerations,) I received from the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, Newark, an invitation of the most gratifying character, to establish myself in that place; accompanied with an offer from the Congregation, of so generous a nature as to leave no doubt on my mind, that the desire for my removal there was not only universal, but most sincere and hearty. To an expression from such a source, so earnest in its terms, and so liberally enforced, I felt it my duty to respond in the affirmative, the more especially as I should thus be left free from parochial responsibility; when the death of the Rev. Dr. WHARTON, and the peculiar circumstances of the parish of St. Mary's, Burlington, presented a conflicting duty. After mature deliberation, with inquiry of those whose judgments in the matter were best instructed, it seemed incumbent on me to assume the charge of the interesting parish thus vacated; which I did,—first for six months, and, afterwards as its Rector. In thus yielding to a strong sense of ecclesiastical duty, I am happy in knowing that my munificent friends at Newark, though disappointed, have not been displeased. The same liberal spirit which devised such liberal things to induce my residence among them, enabled and disposed them cheerfully to yield their own preference, to what seemed to be essential to the welfare of a sister parish. May brotherly love so continue, and ever increase amongst us!—It is due to my office, to my own judgment, and to the best interests of the Church, to say, that it is not well that the Bishop of any diocese should be responsible for the entire pastoral charge of a congregation. When this is the case, either the parochial or the diocesan interest must suffer. Cases may occur, where the Rectorship of a parish seems proper, or indeed necessary, as the means of support, to be united to the Episcopate; but provision should then be made, not merely to relieve the Bishop from such portion of the duty of preaching, as may enable him to accomplish his visitations, but for the discharge, under his direction, of those daily pastoral offices, without the faithful, constant performance of which, Christ's sheep can never be duly fed. An economical and judicious arrangement for this purpose has

ed in the School House. In the evening, I preached, the fourth time that day, in Christ Church, Shrewsbury. The Churches under the pastoral care of Mr. Finch, are evidently prosperous. The people are well instructed, and through the power of the Spirit, derive both pleasure and profit from the instruction. Generally it will be so. Where Ministers continue faithfully to plant and to water, God will give the increase for which they pray. Where they complain that there is no profit from their ministry, it is generally their own fault. No doubt there are different kinds of soil, and some that are very hard to cultivate. But do we not often see the inhabitants of a sterile country, thriving and prosperous, while the possessors of the most fertile land are poor and miserable? The difference is to be attributed chiefly to the diligence and perseverance of the husbandman. Let the Christian Minister consider the analogy. Remembering that he is answerable for the tillage, not for the harvest, let him lay to his hand. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." At Shrewsbury there is a good congregation. At Middletown, the attendance is small; there are indeed but few to attend. At Red Bank, a flourishing little village, where the steamboats from New York land passengers, I had many to hear me. Mr. Finch was much encouraged, and especially by a zealous lady, in the attempt to erect a building there for a Sunday School, where the service should also be performed. It is a good plan. In small hamlets, where a Church cannot be erected, such buildings are a good substitute. An active Clergyman will find time to visit the little flocks, that may be gathered there, without injury to that which is his peculiar care.

From Shrewsbury, Mr. Finch carried me on Monday morning to Freehold; to which place, the Rev. Mr. Ward had come to meet me. Here I preached in St. Peter's Church, and confirmed *five* persons. Since my former visit, the opinion, which I expressed in my last address, that the services of a Clergyman ought to be, and might be, secured here, has been acted on. The Rev. Samuel Edwin Arnold,

late of the diocese of New York, having been elected principal of the Academy, has taken the pastoral charge of St. Peter's Church. His services as an instructor I am informed, give great satisfaction. His desires for the spiritual improvement of the people, I know, are ardent, and he has exerted himself with much success. Long established habits of negligence of the support of Christian ordinances, are hard to be overcome. I regret to say, that thus far I have received no answer from the Wardens, to an overture which I made to them some months since, to contribute *fifty* dollars to Mr. Arnold's support, from the "Offerings of the Church," on condition that they would raise *one hundred and fifty*. I cannot believe that they will not accede to it before the end of the year. If they do, they will secure the services of a devoted Pastor. If they do not, it can be no matter of surprise if Mr. Arnold, discouraged by their apparent want of interest, should seek another field of duty. It is my earnest wish that he may remain.*

From Freehold, I was carried by Mr. Ward to Spotswood, where I preached in the evening; and again on Tuesday morning, when I confirmed *nine* persons. Mr. Ward's labours here are assiduous, and productive of encouraging results. The congregation, however, is small; and he has thus far, been obliged to occupy himself partially in the instruction of a School. This is to be regretted, as Mr. Ward's peculiar qualifications for pastoral intercourse are thus, in some degree, lost to the Church. His spirit, however, is not thus repressed. He had scarcely ceased to go as Missionary to Freehold, when he commenced the performance of services at South Amboy. Here, chiefly by the enlightened Christian liberality of a single family, a School House has been erected, which is also to be used as a place of worship. In the afternoon, I had the satisfaction of performing the first service in it, and preaching. It was an expressive testimony which the Jews bore to the centurion's

* From information received at the Convention, I am encouraged to believe, that the people at Freehold will make such efforts as will retain Mr. Arnold.

love for their nation, that he had built them a Synagogue. It would be well if in other places, as in South Amboy, the precedent were followed. Men of wealth and influence should remember their accountability. They that honour God, will be honoured by him. The blessings which may result to a community, from establishing in it the means of grace, are incalculable. The blackness of darkness which must exist without it, is fearful to think of.

On Thursday, July 4, I laid the corner stone of Trinity Church, in the borough of Princeton, several of the Clergy of the diocese being present and assisting, and with them, my much esteemed friend, the Rev. Mr. Bayard, Rector of St. Clement's Church, New York. The day was most auspicious, a large and respectable company of persons paid the strictest attention to the devotional services, and to the address. Nor should the courtesy of the military company on parade that day, be unnoticed, whose part in the procession, with the appropriate music of their excellent band, added not a little to the interest of the occasion. I am most happy in being able to say, that the progress of this noble enterprize has thus far been "according to this beginning." The Church, a beautiful stone edifice, is in rapid progress towards completion; and will be prepared for consecration, if God permit, in little more than a year from the laying of the corner stone. The good will of the whole community towards the undertaking, continues still to be manifested in unequivocal expressions, and the prospect is as full of encouragement, as our hearts could desire. That the Church in this instance, also, is largely indebted to individual energy and beneficence, takes nothing from our obligations of acknowledgment to God, "*of whose only gift it cometh that his faithful people do unto him true and laudable service.*" The consecration of Trinity Church, of which, due notice will be given, will, I trust, be regarded by the friends of the Church, and especially by the Clergy, an occasion of no common interest. The establishment there of an able and faithful Clergyman of our Church will, I am sure, be found of the most beneficial influence, not only to the people of his charge, but to the venerable literary institution which

now flourishes there, and to the best interests of learning and of religion.

On Sunday, July 7, at the especial instance of my long loved friend and brother, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Brownell, I was present in Christ Church, Hartford, at the ordination of five Deacons, and preached the Sermon. I was the more willing to perform this service, as the young gentlemen then to be ordained, (one of whom, the Rev. Mr. Starr, is now a Clergyman of this diocese,) had been my pupils, during my connection as Professor, with Washington College; and because I wished to declare thus publicly, my interest in that important institution. It is greatly to be wished that Episcopalians were duly sensible of the duty and wisdom of sustaining their own Seminaries of learning. There is no denomination of Christians on whom the obligation to do so is so strongly incumbent, none who possess the means of doing it so effectually, and not one that is so negligent. It ought not so to be. I am happy in being able to record my opinion that Washington College is worthy of their most liberal patronage.

On Wednesday, July 10, I preached in the afternoon, in St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy. and confirmed *nine* persons. In the evening, I preached a second time.

On Thursday evening, July 11, I preached in Trinity Church, Newark.

On Sunday morning, July 14, in Christ Church, Newton, after baptizing the Rector's infant child, I preached, and confirmed *twenty five* persons; and, in the afternoon, preached again. The favourable impressions of my first visit here, were abundantly confirmed. The Rector is even now beginning to realize the promise made to him who is "faithful over a few things." There has not often been a beginning with less promise. There are seldom seen better evidences than now exist, of temporal and spiritual health. These things will, I doubt not, increase still more and abound, when Mr. Dunn, as he expressed to me his intention soon to do, shall have retired in part from the charge of the School, which for many years was indispensable to his support.

On Monday, July 15, Mr. Dunn carried, me to Johnsonsburch; where, in the afternoon, I preached in Christ Church. Here we met the Rev. Mr. Jaques. Under his auspices, with the Divine blessing, there is good reason to hope, that the regular services of the Church may ere long be restored to this forsaken sanctuary. There are a few in the vicinity, who desire it. It is no small part of Christian duty to "strengthen the things which remain, which are ready to die." It is an error too common, to give them up as "dead already."

In the evening, at the house of Mrs. Curlis, a venerable member of the Church, confined to her bed by sickness, the neighbours were collected, to whom I preached; and several of whom participated with her in the communion of the sick.

On Tuesday, July 16, I was accompanied by Mr. Dunn and Mr. Jaques to Hope, where, in the house of E. H. Swayze, Esq., I preached and confirmed *five* persons; and, in the afternoon, preached again. The little flock at this place, have not yet been enabled to complete the erection of St. Luke's Church. Peculiar difficulties have embarrassed their progress. They have received aid, however, and encouragement from various sources, within and without the diocese; and will ere long, I trust, reap the reward of their faith and patience. Their zeal in the service of God will not, I am sure, be left without the blessing, in *due* time, "if they faint not."

On Wednesday, July, 17, we continued our journey to Knowlton; where I preached, in the morning, in St. James' Church, confirmed *three* persons, and administered the holy communion. There is a people here who take much interest in the word and ordinances. They propose very soon erecting a new church in the place of the old edifice, which needs repair. Without designing any thing like discouragement, my advice, in all such cases is, to count the cost. Debt is disastrous enough to individuals, but destructive to Churches. Where there is ability, let it be exerted in the erecting and beautifying of temples to the honour of its divine and glorious Giver. Where a debt must be incurred, or the support of

the minister straitened, let a plain edifice be erected, if there be none. If there be an old one, continue still to use it a little longer. They who are drawn by the beauty of the edifice are scarcely worth drawing. It is the Saviour lifted up, that is to draw men effectually; and this may be done in the simplest Church, as well as in the most costly. Able and faithful ministers are God's chief instruments in saving souls. Let them be prepared for the work, and sustained in it; and, with God's blessing, they will find Churches, or make them. The Rev. Mr. Jaques continues his very useful labours in this region; dividing his time between Hope and Knowlton, with a monthly visit to Johnsonsburgh.

On Thursday, July 18, we arrived at Belvidere, where I preached, in the morning in the Court-house, and confirmed *two* persons; preaching again in the afternoon. On Friday, July 19, accompanied still by the Rev. Messrs. Dunn and Jaques, and also by the Rev. Mr. Beasley, of the diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of the diocese of New-York, who had met us at Belvidere, I visited Harmony; where I preached in the Lutheran Meeting-house. Mr. Freeman, having brought letters dimissory from the Bishop of the diocese of New-York, has been officiating, since August 11, as Missionary in this region; performing services chiefly at Belvidere, and occasionally visiting Dover, New-Hampton, and Harmony. The expectations entertained in regard to the last named place, have not been fully realized. At Dover, there is more encouragement. At Belvidere, measures were in progress for the erection of a Church, when adverse circumstances occurred to delay the enterprise. A parish has been duly organized by the name of Zion Church. A generous individual will present the ground for the building in a most desirable part of the town, whenever the determination to build shall be carried into effect. And every thing seems to be nearly in readiness for the accomplishment, in that beautiful village, of our best wishes for the Church.

On Saturday, Mr. Jaques carried me to Alexandria, where, on Sunday, I preached, in the morning, in the old

Church of St. Thomas, and in the afternoon lectured to a few persons, in a vacant room, in Quakertown. St. Thomas' Church, from the inconvenience of its situation, has suffered much disadvantage. The Rev. Mr. Douglas, who met me here, comes, once in six weeks, forty miles, from his residence in Piscataway to visit it. Of course, its condition, faithful and self denying as his services are, cannot be prosperous. At Clinton, a flourishing village, about six miles distant, and at Sydney, about the same distance, a much larger congregation might be gathered. A small Church might, I think, be erected at one or both these places, at which, regular services should be performed, alternately with those at St. Thomas'. The great want in the case is a resident Clergyman. In traversing this beautiful and fertile region, presenting some of the most delightful prospects that I have ever seen, several points presented themselves to my attention, to which Missionaries might most profitably be appointed. I am not without hopes, that before another Convention, the beginning of improvement may be made. Should the plan recommended for increasing the Missionary revenues of the Church, be suitably taken up by the Churches, the result desired may soon be realized. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest!"

On Saturday, July 27, having been long enough at home to attend the last moments of my venerated friend, the Rev. Dr. Wharton, and perform the last offices at his interment, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, where I preached both in the morning and afternoon.

On Sunday, July 28, I preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Swedesborough, and confirmed *eleven* persons,—in the afternoon, in St. Peter's Church, Berkley, where I confirmed *four* persons,—and, in the evening, preached again, in Trinity Church, Swedesborough.

On Tuesday, July 30, I visited Princeton, and preached, the second time, by the kind permission of the proper authorities, in the Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, September 8, I preached twice in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly, and confirmed *seven* persons. I was carried to Mount Holly by Mr. Bennett, from whom I have formerly received similar attention.

On Sunday, September 22, I preached twice in St. Michael's Church, Trenton, and confirmed *eight* persons. The debt which has so long depressed this parish, is now, by the zealous exertions of the Rector, nearly paid off, and will soon be extinguished.

On Tuesday, October 1, I attended, at New-Brunswick, the annual meeting of the Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety. It was my first attendance; and I was much pleased with the plan of the Society, which, in a quiet way, has done much good. Its annual income, of about \$150, was appropriated to various useful purposes. Among the most useful, was a donation towards carrying into effect a resolution to furnish the student on the Bishop Croes scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, with a library of text books, and books of reference. In the evening, I preached in Christ Church.

On Thursday, October 3, I was present at the opening of the annual Convention of the diocese of New-York; and on the following Sunday, at the request of my right reverend brother and friend, the Bishop of that diocese, I preached a sermon in St. John's Chapel, in the City of New-York, on occasion of the ordination of a Presbyter.

In the afternoon of that day, and again on the morning of Sunday, November 10, I preached in the Chapel occupied by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City. It gives me very great pleasure to state, that my excellent brother, the Rector of St. Matthews, has lately had his heart encouraged and his hands strengthened, by a liberal donation towards the completion of the edifice, for the erection of which he has so zealously exerted himself, from that munificent mother and patroness of the Churches, Trinity Church, in the City of New-York. I have had intimate opportunities of witnessing the great amount of benevolence

exercised by that venerable Corporation, and can bear strong testimony to the soundness of judgment and impartiality with which, under all the circumstances, her office of almoner to the Lord, is discharged.

On Saturday evening, December 7, I preached at Moorestown, in the Methodist Meeting-house; and on the following day, in the morning, in St. Mary's Church, Colestown. and, in the afternoon, in the room occupied temporarily by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Camden.

On Sunday, December 15, I preached three times in St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, being then vacant.

On the evening of Monday, December 23, I fulfilled my first appointment at Bordentown, preaching, by permission, in the Baptist Meeting-house. Finding the people there well disposed towards the Church, and desirous of farther acquaintance with her services, I continued to preach there through the winter, on alternate Monday evenings, and had the pleasure to observe a continual increase in the favourable dispositions which were manifested at first. On the 23d day of April, service was performed there twice at my request, by the Rev. Mr. Holmes, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Orange, it being the first trial of our strength on Sunday. By the kindness of the Methodist Congregation, the use of their pulpit was offered, and Mr. Holmes' very acceptable ministrations were well attended. There has been service performed there regularly, on alternate Sundays, by the Rev. Dr. Williams, the Rev. Mr. Hooker, and myself, until the present time, and with increasing interest and favour. It would not however, be practicable at present, to obtain the entire support of a Clergyman, from that place. What I have recommended to the friends of the Church there, is the establishment of a boarding and day School, under the direction of an Episcopal Clergyman, who for the present, should also supply them with Clerical services. I have conferred with them several times on this subject; and a few gentlemen have with great spirit authorized me to offer to a suitable person who will undertake the enterprize a guaranty of support so liberal as to render his success beyond a question. There is certainly no place in the whole

country, better fitted for the establishment and support of schools and seminaries of learning than Bordentown. Most beautiful for situation, proverbial for health, at the head of steamboat navigation on the Delaware, and accessible twice in every day, from New York and from Philadelphia, the ground has but to be broken to ensure the most abundant harvest. There is in the community there, both the will and the means to give energy to the undertaking on which their hearts are set, and the establishment of the Church among them will thus, with God's blessing, be secured.

I deem it proper, in this connection, to record my experience, and to express my wishes, on a subject which I regard as of great moment to the unity of the Church. It is sometimes thought necessary, in introducing her service into a new place, to accommodate it to the inexperience, and perhaps the prejudices of the people, by omissions or alterations. There is of course, no authority to do this, and there is as little necessity. At Bordentown, at Moorestown, and at Princeton, I have, within the last year, used, for the first time, the entire service of the Church, without the slightest variation from the rubric in any of the cases, and with a fulness in the responsive portions in all of them, not always found in established congregations. It will seldom happen in any place where the service is to be introduced, that there are not two or three persons familiar with its order. Even where there are not, two or three persons are easily instructed in it. Their responses guide the rest. The service is introduced in all its symmetry and completeness. The novices learn their whole lesson from the first. After a few trials there is nothing left for them, but to apply more and more to the heart, that "beauty of holiness," which from the first they could not but admire, and which, as it is more understood, will ever be more prized and loved. The complaints of difficulty on this subject are, I believe, not founded in fact. They claim that it cannot be done, who have never made the trial. It is the clear conviction of my experience that the regular way is the most easy and the most satisfactory. It is,

at all events, the only way which the Canons authorize and the order of the Church allows.*

On the evening of Tuesday, December 31, I preached for the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Camden.

On Thursday, January 14, 1834, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, I preached the Consecration Sermon, and assisted in the consecration of the Rev. James H. Otey, D. D., Bishop elect of the diocese of Tennessee. The Church in these United States, has reason to bless God for this instance of his care and kindness for her; and, with the continuance of His blessing, to expect rich results from the labours of the excellent person who has been thus raised to her chief ministry. She has still farther motives of gratitude to her Divine Head, in still preserving to her, his eye not dim, nor his natural force abated, that venerable person who watched over her infant weakness, and who, on that occasion, laid his hands, for the twenty-fifth time, on the head of a successor of the Apostles.

* I take occasion here, to give the proper canonical sanction to a service which is used generally in this diocese, as a *third*, or, more properly, a *second evening* service. In doing so, I adopt the language, as I most cordially entertain the views, of the Bishop of New York. "It is a pious and beautiful characteristic of our Church, that she provides for public worship twice on every day, and lays her Clergy under a solemn obligation to conform, in their public ministrations, to her appointed services. Whenever, therefore, one of the Clergy meets a congregation for worship, the order for Daily Morning or Evening Prayer, as the case may be, is binding upon him. In some cases, however, circumstances call for a second evening service. These being extraordinary occasions or occasions different from the ordinary provisions of the Liturgy, require to be met in the way in which the Church provides for such occasions; that is, by the special appointment of the Bishop of the Diocese. It consists in the appointment, not of a *night service*, for the Daily Evening Prayer is binding in all congregations assembling for worship at any hour after meridian, in which it has not been previously performed on the same day; but of a *second Evening Prayer*, to be used in congregations in which the order for Daily Evening Prayer *has been used on the same day*. This distinction is here thus particularly noticed, in order to guard against two not uncommon mistakes.—First, that the service here contemplated, may be performed *after candle light*, even where the regular Evening Prayer has not been used;—and secondly, that it may be performed by a Cler-

On Sunday evening, February 16, I preached for the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Camden.

On Wednesday, March 19, I preached in Swedesborough; that being the day appointed for the meeting of a Council called by me, in accordance with the provisions of the 34th Canon of the General Convention, on account of a controversy alleged to exist between the Vestry of Trinity Church, and the Rev. Norman Nash, the Rector elect. The opinion of the Council, after a full and patient investigation of the subject, was unanimous, that the controversy had "proceeded such lengths as to preclude all hope of its favourable termination, and that a dissolution of the connexion which existed between them, was indispensably necessary to restore the peace, and promote the prosperity of the Church." They therefore, unanimously recommended, that the connexion be dissolved, from and after the 20th day of June next; being three months from the date of their opinion. With this recommendation, the Rev. Mr. Nash, in presence of the Council, declared his compliance.

gyman, in a *third service*, held by him in a congregation which has not had the regular Evening Prayer on that day. In neither of these cases, is there any dispensation from the prescribed daily service.

The *second Evening Prayer* appointed to be used in any congregation of this Diocese, in which the order for Daily Evening Prayer has been previously used on the same day, is as follows:—

The order for Daily Evening Prayer is followed to the end of the Psalms for the day, or selection of Psalms, and Doxology; and then the following order:—

A Lesson from the Old or New Testament, at the discretion of the Minister;

Either of the four Psalms appointed to follow the lessons of the Evening Prayer;

The Creed, and the following *Versicles and Responses*;

The Collect for the Day;

The Collect for aid against Perils;

The Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church Militant, in the Communion Service;

Any of the *occasional Prayers or Thanksgivings*, as occasion may require.

One of the *Discretionary Prayers* at the end of the Communion Service;

2 Corinthians, xiii. 14."

On Sunday, April 6, I preached at Bordentown, in the Methodist Meeting House.

On Saturday evening, April 19, I preached, and on the following day, administered the Holy Communion, and preached twice, in St. John's Church, Elizabethtown. Subsequently to my last visit to this ancient and interesting parish, the Rev. Richard Channing Moore, deacon, had accepted an invitation to the pastoral charge; and I was much pleased to find the congregation perfectly united in him, and every prospect, with God's blessing, of great happiness and usefulness.

In the evening, I went to Newark, and preached to a very large congregation in Trinity Church. My several visits to this parish, confirm my expectations of its increase and prosperity. Among the most gratifying evidences, and at the same time most promising means of this result, I regard the establishment, under judicious regulations, of a valuable parish library.

On Tuesday, April 22, I laid the corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Camden: a large number of the Clergy and Laity of the neighbourhood, and of the City of Philadelphia attending; and the venerable Bishop White favouring me with his presence and assistance. The Rev. Samuel Starr, deacon, commenced his labours in the parishes of Camden and Colestown, by my appointment as Missionary, in September last. At Camden, there had never been a Clergyman settled, they had both been for months destitute of clerical ministrations, and had never, though St. Mary's is a very old parish, been supplied with weekly services. To the work of the Lord, in these places, Mr. Starr has devoted himself with great ability, assiduity and fidelity; and the result is manifested in the collection, at Colestown, of a large and zealous congregation; who have lately shown that their zeal is not irrespective of knowledge, by the establishment of a parish library. While at Camden, a large Church edifice of stone is in course of erection. It is very seldom that such consequences are seen from a much longer course of ministrations. They are creditable to the activity of the minister, and to the readiness of the people, and evince,

not obscurely, the favouring providence of God. May it continue and increase!—In the evening of the same day, I preached in the usual place of worship.

On Saturday, May 3, I commenced a visitation to some of the Southern Churches of the diocese, accompanied by the Rev. Simon Wilmer; who, still canonically resident in the diocese of Pennsylvania, has laboured for more than a year in the parishes of Berkeley, Chew's Landing, Glassborough, and Mullica Hill. We were carried from Camden to Berkeley by Mr. Meguire. In the afternoon, and again in the evening, I preached in St. John's Church, Chew's Landing. This congregation had been for some time scattered, and the Church almost deserted. For a considerable period, there was, as I am told, but a single communicant. On Saturday, I witnessed the baptism, by Mr. Wilmer, of twelve adults and fourteen infants; and on Sunday morning, when I preached the third time, I confirmed *twenty four* persons. This is certainly an encouraging and surprising result. There was every reason for the conviction, that the persons confirmed came intelligently and faithfully to the reception of the ordinance. The congregations in attendance were large, attentive and devotional; and the responses made with much earnestness and solemnity. The Prayer Book is in great and increasing demand. Immediately before the service on Saturday afternoon, several young persons, men and women, came forward, at the request of the Minister, and were examined in the Church Catechism. It was an instance of Christian simplicity and docility that pleased me much, and was creditable to all concerned. Having had no opportunity in their childhood, to acquire the "instruction to be learned by every person before he be brought to be confirmed by the Bishop," they were not ashamed, in their manhood and womanhood, to stand up, as "babes in Christ," and be taught before the congregation. It were well if the disposition and practice, both were common.

In the afternoon, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Berkeley, and confirmed *sixteen* persons. Here again I found a large, and apparently much engaged congregation. I had confirmed in this church twice before.

In the evening I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill.

On Monday, May 5, in a heavy rain, Mr. Chatham conveyed us in his carriage to Glassborough. From the violence of the storm, there was no congregation at St. Thomas' Church. A few persons assembled at the house of Mrs. Whitney, where *five* were confirmed. The peace and stillness of the scene within, were in beautiful contrast with the raging of the storm without. It was a touching illustration of the security and serenity which the ark of God offers to the soul of the believer, rescued in it from the tempests and billows of the world. It was a delightful image of the perfect rest and peace of the eternal haven.

On Tuesday, May 6, we rode 14 miles to visit a sick member of the Church. In the afternoon I preached again in St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill. I was struck with the singular beauty and salubrity of this place, as affording a most desirable site for schools. A distinguished Physician of Philadelphia, makes it the summer residence of his children. A Clergyman well qualified, and willing to receive a few boys into his family, would easily procure them, and would find himself most pleasantly and usefully situated. Of course, where there is the means of support, the Ministry had better be without the charge of a school. But where the question is between a Minister resident with such a charge, and no ministrations at all, or ministrations rare and irregular, I cannot for a moment hesitate as to the choice. What I desire is, that, as soon as possible, Berkeley and Chew's Landing should enjoy the entire services of one Clergyman; and that another, residing at Mullica Hill, should preach half of the time at Glassborough. This might easily be done; and two active men, with the Missionary spirit, would soon prepare the ground for two more.

On Wednesday, May 7, I preached in the morning, and confirmed *three* persons, in Trinity Church, Swedesborough, (the *third* confirmation there,) and in the evening preached again.

On Thursday, May 8, (Ascension day,) I was carried by the Rev. Mr. Mason, to Salem; where I preached on that

day twice in St. John's Church, and once on Friday. I was pleased to find, that since my last visit a new and very sweet organ had been procured, and several improvements made, evincing an increase of interest in "the house of God, and the offices thereof."

My attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13th and 14th, was with peculiar satisfaction. The result of God's blessing on the enlargement of the Society's operations, alluded to last year, was clearly seen in the increase of its revenues, and, **what is** of still better promise, in the "excellent spirit" which prevailed. A still further extension of Missionary labour was resolved on; and measures are in progress for giving to the executive operations of the Society, more unity, more efficiency, and, at the same time, more responsibility. The Society deserves and needs the interest and prayers of the whole Church. Her position is now most encouraging. May she soon be, as she ought to be, in the fore-front of the Redeemer's "sacramental host," coming up to "the help of the Lord, against the mighty!"

On Sunday, May 18, (Whitsunday,) in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, I confirmed *seventeen* persons.

My visitations during the year, have been less extensive and less systematic than they would have been, had I been at residence in the diocese. The number of times that I have preached in the several Churches under my care, since the Convention, has been *one hundred and fifty-nine*. In *seventeen* Churches, I have confirmed, within the same period, *one hundred and sixty-nine* persons.

The whole number of Clergymen connected with the diocese, is *twenty-four*; one of whom, the Rev. Simon Wilmer, has canonical residence in the diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D., Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, has deceased, as stated before, and the vacant rectorship has been accepted by me. The Rev. Birdsey G. Noble has been transferred to the diocese of Connecticut, and the pastoral charge of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, has been accepted by the Rev. Richard

as much of the visitation as may be practicable; and to take part in the several services. They will *all* be expected to meet me at the Convocation; with as many of the other Clergy of the diocese, as may find it convenient. It is my desire to administer the Lord's Supper at every visitation; and the rite of confirmation, in all the parishes, once in every year. The time for these services, in every case, will be the morning of the first day of the visitation. A special appointment for the afternoon, will be made in another part of the Address.

In this way, devoting from four to five weeks to each district, and from three to four months to the stated visitation of the whole diocese,—independently of those occasional visits which will often occur,—sufficient time will be afforded, in its present extent, to accomplish, in a good degree, towards every part of it, the purposes contemplated in “the office of a Bishop.” The Clergy will, indeed, be taken for a few days in each year from their parishes: but it cannot be doubted that they will return to them invigorated both in body and mind, with improved experience and renewed devotion; while the parishes will enjoy, in the special services of the Bishop and Clergy, a valuable equivalent. The means of more intimate intercourse among the Clergy themselves, and between them and myself, will thus be statedly enjoyed; there will be a free and familiar interchange of thought and feeling; and from their preaching in presence of each other, and in my presence,—a thing which is now of the rarest occurrence,—mutual improvement cannot but be derived. It may reasonably be believed that the presence of several of the Clergy, for two or three days, in a parish, with services reasonably multiplied,—and our Church provides for two in each day,—might be so ordered, as to promote its spiritual interests, strengthening the hands of the Minister, while it encouraged the hearts of the people. It is but too certain that whether by the injudicious repetition of services, or by irregularity in their performance, or by the admission of improper feelings and motives, much evil may be, and has been done. Unmixed good cannot, of course, be expected on earth. In this respect, however, as in most others, the pro-

visions of the Church will be found safe and salutary. Faithful adherence to the order of her services, in the due subordination of her Ministry, will leave room for sufficient variety, while it restrains irregularity and excess. I have long thought that the arrangement now proposed, would secure a just medium, and be productive of excellent results. It is but frank to say, that arrangements of a similar character, *not* in connection with the ecclesiastical head of the diocese, are, to say the least, of questionable advantage. Where, as on the part of him who addresses you, there is an entire readiness, in addition to the provision now proposed, to meet, to the utmost extent of ability, the parochial emergencies which may, from time to time, occur, there cannot surely be pleaded for them the least necessity.

A subject which has occupied much of my thoughts since our last meeting, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, is *the religious instruction of children*. I need go into no detail of argument, or of illustration, to impress you with its importance, or with the sense of our duty in the premises. I do not hesitate to say, that, as the training up of his children, "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" is the parent's first and highest duty, so the Christian Pastor can in no other way so effectually subserve the objects of his calling, in the edification of the Church for the salvation of souls, as in the strict, constant, *personal* supervision of the religious education of the children of his charge. It is a duty which cannot be neglected without the most awful responsibility, and which cannot be delegated by him to any other. Of the great benefits which have been derived, and which may be expected from the excellent institution of Sunday Schools, I do not entertain, and would not intimate, a doubt. As auxiliaries to the pastoral care of the young, or as substitutes where it cannot be had, they are of unquestionable value, and their extension an undoubted blessing. But there is too great reason to believe that their proper use has, in many instances, been departed from; that they have become substitutes for, instead of auxiliaries to, the pastoral care; that the Clergy have gradually withdrawn, or been by imperceptible degrees removed, from their direction, until their

influence over them, has almost ceased; if, in some cases, their right to control and regulate them be not seriously questioned. Nor is this all. The ancient and wise provisions of the Church for the instruction of all her children, in the Catechism, have, it is to be feared, been in a great degree superseded, and gone into disuse: so that the pastoral intercourse with the young, and, of course, the pastoral influence with them, is scarcely, if at all, greater, than with the adult parishioners. Now this cannot be right. It is not safe for the country, nor for the Church. It is not consistent, my brethren of the Clergy, with the solemn responsibility of our office. We cannot so give account with joy for the lambs of our Saviour's flock. The subject is too large for full discussion now. At a time not distant, I hope to return to it. It shall be my effort and prayer, meanwhile, that a plan may be devised suitable to our great responsibilities and great advantages, by which, from the first dawn of intelligence until the full maturity of manhood, our children, so far as on us depends, may be taught, trained, and, through grace, divinely influenced, in regard to all those things "which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health." A series of books, suited to this end, drawn from scriptural sources, and in agreement with ecclesiastical provisions, would be the most valuable offering that human talents, learning and piety could lay on the altars of the Church. What I propose now to do, is to urge on my brethren of the Clergy, the importance of their giving their best attention generally to the whole subject, to recommend to every Clergyman the constant exercise of his personal superintendence over his Sunday School, and more especially to recal to mind the rubrical and canonical provision on the subject:—the rubric first following the Catechism, directing, that "the Minister of every parish shall diligently, upon Sundays and Holy days, or on some other convenient occasions, openly, in the Church, instruct or examine so many children of his parish sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism;" and the 28th canon of the General Convention, ordering that the "Ministers of this Church,

who have charge of parishes or cures, shall not only be diligent in instructing the children in the Catechism, but shall also, by stated catechetical lectures and instruction, be diligent in informing the youth and others in the doctrines, constitution and liturgy of the Church." As evidence of my great interest in the subject, and with the view to aiding the Clergy in drawing to it the attention of parents, it is my request that, at all future visitations, the children may be catechised in my presence, before the congregation; and I appoint the time, to be immediately after the second lesson in the afternoon service of the first day of the visitation.

I have great satisfaction in stating that the plan of the "*Offerings of the Church*," recommended at the last Convention, has been the subject of favourable notice in many quarters, and has been partially adopted in other dioceses.—Its results in this, cannot, of course, be known until the parochial reports shall have been read. In my own parish, its fruits have been most rich and encouraging, as the report of the parish will show; and calculated to give the fullest confirmation, if any could be needed, of the practicability and profitableness of the plan. A pastoral letter, setting forth in detail the mode of introduction and prosecution which I had adopted, was issued last winter, at the instance of some of the Clergy, and will be printed with the Journal. On these points I have nothing more to suggest. As to the appropriation to be made of the "*Offerings of the Church*," I would, on further consideration, recommend to the Trustees the following:—the deduction, first, of *ten per centum* of the whole annual receipts, to be paid to the Treasurer of the "*Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society*," as the "*Offering of the Church*" in the diocese of New-Jersey, *for the general purposes* of the Society. The remainder I would appropriate entirely to Missionary purposes within the diocese. The Society "*for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and Piety*," with which I have become better acquainted since the Convention, has a small annual income, which well deserves increase; and to it may properly be intrusted the assisting of candidates for orders in obtaining their preliminary, collegiate, or theological

education, and the distribution, within the diocese, of Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts. The "Offerings of the Church" will then be understood to be *the Missionary* fund of the diocese, available to *nine tenths* of its amount, for our own diocesan purposes; while the remaining *tenth* is but a proper acknowledgment that we are debtors, not to the inhabitants of the remoter regions of our own country alone, but to the Greek, also, and the Barbarian. I must again urge, even to importunity, upon every Clergyman and Layman in the diocese, the importance of prompt and constant attention to the subject; in the full assurance that, if generally adopted and pursued, it will afford, without perceptible inconvenience, a perennial and increasing supply, adequate to all our necessities.


The formation or revival of *parochial libraries* is, I am glad to find, receiving general attention among our parishes. An excellent library has, as before stated, been formed at Newark, as formerly there had been at Orange; and a commencement of one made at Colestown. The same thing is in progress at Camden; and the library of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, lately increased by the bequest of part of Dr. Wharton's books, is about to be brought into more general use. The remark is sometimes made, that parish libraries are little used, and soon dispersed; and the fact is adduced that, of the excellent collections with which all our parishes, by the wise provision of the venerable society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, were furnished, are now, with scarcely an exception, squandered. Of this unfortunate result, the vicissitudes of the times ought always to be given in explanation; and it should also be remembered, that the good seed, though scattered, is not lost, but producing doubtless in many quarters, its desirable fruits. To a single volume of one of these collections, if I am not misinformed, the existence of the flourishing parish of St. Mark's Church, Orange,* is under God, mainly to be as-

* I take occasion here to state with very great satisfaction, that a few persons, members of this parish, or interested in it, have subscribed the sum

cribed. Parish libraries, of course, like any other libraries, not read, will do no good. But the Clergyman may easily do much to interest his people in reading, and he will find his labour well repaid. He, of course, should always determine the selection of the books. Let it be seen by his attention to the library, that he attaches importance to it. Let him, on suitable occasions, in his sermons, or in his pastoral conversations, recommend particular books. Especially let him, in his scriptural, catechetical and liturgical classes, point out to his people the sources of useful instruction. Let him do this habitually. He will find no want of interest. Books will be in demand. Having the selection of them, he may turn the minds of his people almost "like the rivers of waters." The volumes of the library will preach where he cannot. They will teach what he has not the time to teach. And while he is engaged in his study, they will be going about among his people, confirming the instructions of his last discourse, or preparing for the impressions of his next. For the encouragement of this object, a list of books suited for parochial libraries has been prepared, and will be printed with the journal.

There is a custom common in some parts of our country, and I believe increasing, of *celebrating with religious services, the anniversary of the declaration of the national independence*. I highly approve of it. Without any regard to the suspicion of desiring an establishment of religion, I

of five thousand dollars, as a permanent fund; the interest of which, is to be appropriated to the support of the Minister. As there is a contingency by which the trust thus constituted may pass to this Convention, I deem it proper that the documents connected with the transaction, should be printed with the journal; as well for the information of its future members, as for the encouragement of other congregations to go and do likewise. And I take this occasion to say, that, though I do not consider it desirable that the members of any parish, should be freed from the necessity of contributing to the support of religious ministrations; yet I do regard partial endowments to that end, and for other parochial purposes, as eminently to be encouraged, and had in honour. In cases where, by existing foundations, the support of Christian worship is defrayed, there is an obvious duty incumbent on the persons thus favoured, to communicate of their fulness for the assistance of their destitute neighbours. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak."



venture to say, that there is, in our political and civil institutions, too little reference to Him who is the only source and security of whatever is good in them. I enter into no discussion of the causes of this deficiency, or of the apologies for it. The fault exists, and is to be regretted. What is still more to the purpose, it is, so far as may be, to be obviated. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is the reproach," and will be the destruction, "of any people." Already it begins to be felt that from the want of a pervading religious principle, the institutions which have cost so much and promised so well, fail of their expected result; and wise and good men of all parties and of every name, unite in the conviction, that, unless as a nation, we seek the blessing of the Holiest, the best hopes of humanity must suffer disappointment. There is but one escape from this result,—in national repentance, national humiliation, national submission to Christ. As individuals, we ourselves must do our part by turning truly to the Lord. A public Christian recognition of our dependence on Him as a nation, and of our duty as a nation, towards Him, will have its weight with others; and may prevail, if we pour out our hearts before Him, in winning, through the intercession of the divine Saviour, that blessing, without which all we do is vain. There can be no day more appropriate for this purpose than that which is so extensively celebrated as "the birth day of our independence." Let us do what we can to rescue it from licentiousness and misrule. Let us do what we can to inscribe on all its observances, and on all its issues, "Holiness to the Lord." Such was originally the pious purpose of the framers of the Liturgy. In the "Proposed Book," so called, there is "a Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the inestimable blessings of religious and civil liberty, to be used yearly on the fourth day of July." I know not why it was omitted in the final revision. It is a service well adapted for the occasion; and, with suitable alterations, will be set forth for use in this diocese. One improvement has suggested itself to me as worthy of being incorporated with the plan. The day on which we acknowledge the goodness

of God in establishing our own freedom, is a day on which we should do what we can towards letting "the oppressed go free." As a nation, we are held by peculiar obligations to promote the civil and religious liberation of Africa. The duty has been very generally recognized among American Christians, by the practice of making collections, after the religious services of the day, for the benefit of the American Colonization Society. Of that institution, I design to express no opinion—none certainly of an unfavourable character. But the fact, that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, has been for many years desirous of establishing a Mission there, with the recent resolution of the Board of Directors, instructing the Executive Committee to send two Missionaries to Africa with all convenient speed, has seemed to me, to call especially for our approbation and patronage. I propose, therefore, that the services of the day be partly of a *Missionary character*; and that a collection be recommended in all the Churches of the Diocese,—the proceeds of which, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society above named, in aid of *Missions to Africa*.

There is but one subject more, of a general character, to which I shall at present venture to invite your attention. And I do so, because from its great importance, it deserves to be presented as early as may be to your notice, that you may be the sooner prepared to act in regard to it with efficiency. I recommend, brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity, for your most serious consideration, the establishment, under the auspices of the Church, of a *School or Seminary*, of a high order, at which there may be provision, wholly, or in part, gratuitous, for the preparatory education of young men designing to enter on a course of Theological study. The diocese of New Jersey presents peculiar facilities for institutions of learning. An Episcopal School that deserved patronage—and I should be sorry to see one that did not—would be liberally sustained by scholars from the vicinity, and from abroad. A portion of the profits should be set aside as a foundation for the purposes above named; and individual bounty would, I am very confident, come liberally in aid of the enterprize. We should thus have the means of



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ADDENDA.

"UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK LET EVERY ONE OF YOU LAY BY HIM IN STORE, AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM."—1 Cor. xvi. 2.

PASTORAL LETTER

*To the Clergy of the Diocese of New-Jersey, on the
"Offerings of the Church."*

Dear Brethren,

Having been much inquired of as to the best mode of carrying into effect the plan of systematic charity recommended by St. Paul, (1 Cor. xvi. 2,) and proposed for your consideration in my late Episcopal address, and having reason to believe that its adoption in some parishes has been delayed, from doubts entertained, as to the details necessary to be employed, I take occasion to delineate a plan which has thus far been found successful; and, where none that is better has been introduced, to request your immediate presentation of it to the people of your cures. In bringing the subject before the Convention, it was my purpose merely to call your attention to it by the statement of a general outline. Its adoption in some form I took for granted, from the great favour with which it was received and recommended, as well by your own suffrages, as by those of our brethren of the laity. Your several experience, I supposed, as presented in your parochial reports at the next Convention, would enable us to select, from all the modes which should be tried, the best, for future operation. Such may still be the result. Meanwhile, that nothing may be wanting on my part to the success of a measure which I have much at heart, and which has received from all quarters the most favorable consideration, I cheerfully submit the results of my own experience, during six months, in the parish Church of St. Mary's, Burlington, of which I have at present the charge.

As soon after the Convention as my episcopal duties allowed me, I brought the subject before the congregation, by reading to them so much of the Address and Journal of the Convention, as had relation to the subject, in connexion with a sermon enforcing the Christian duty of benevolence, especially for the relief of spiritual destitution. Some two or three of the most respectable persons in the parish immediately offered their services to call on *every member of the congregation*. They did so, with books prepared for the purpose; and took the names of such as were willing to contribute, with the weekly sum which each

would agree to give: recommending, in families, the subdivision of the whole amount among the several members, rather than its contribution in a gross sum, by the head. I am not aware that they were refused by any. The largest weekly subscriptions were *twenty-five cents*, of which there were but few. Several agreed to give *one cent* per week, a subscription as welcome as the largest. The average was about *five cents* per week. It should here be observed, that before the plan could be fully carried into effect, several weeks had elapsed. The subscribers were requested, however, to date the commencement of their "offerings," from *the Lord's day next after the Convention*, that a *whole year's* proceeds might be secured; and scarcely any refused.

The names and sums being thus obtained, a larger book was prepared, with twelve columns for the twelve months, from Convention to Convention, in which all the subscribers were enrolled. Notice was then given, that on the last Sunday evening in every month, there would be a service, and a sermon, lecture or address, (generally of a *Missionary* character,) at which the "offerings" for the four or five Lord's days in the month would be received. The contributors were requested to enclose their "offerings" (*twenty or twenty-five cents*, for instance, by each weekly subscriber of *five cents*, according as there were *four or five* Sundays in the month,) in an envelope, sealed or tied, with the name distinctly marked. After the sermon the plate or box is handed by the Wardens,—each subscriber deposits his own "offering," and those of his family or neighbours who cannot attend,—and occasional worshippers make their contribution. The whole is taken home. The little packets are opened and their contents entered opposite the names which they respectively bear, and in the column of the month;—while for the occasional contributions, a separate account is kept. The very few who have been prevented from coming on Sunday, send their "offerings" during the following week, or are called on; and thus a complete account is kept for the whole year, with each contributor.

It remains to speak of the *results*. Without specifying now precise amounts, it may be confidently asserted from the experience thus obtained in one parish, that if the plan should be adopted throughout the diocese, with nearly the like efficiency, its proceeds will furnish the means of supporting as many additional Missionaries as we now have parishes: in other words, that each of our present parishes, taken one with another, can, out of the mere fragments of that with which "God hath prospered them," (and which, as one well remarked, "*no man misses*,") enable a new parish to make up the support of a Clergyman. It will easily be seen that should this course of operation be universal and permanent, the increase of our Clergy, so far as it depends on the means of supporting them, may be nearly in *geometrical progression*.—And, let it be remembered, this is to cost the members of our communion *five cents each week*, paid at periods which scarcely suffer it to be perceptible.

But there is a result far more valuable than this,—the introduction into the Church of *systematic charity upon principle*,—the simplifying of

the operations of Christian benevolence, and rendering them more direct, more satisfactory, and more efficient. There is reason to fear that in the complex machinery, which is brought to bear upon this subject, the end is often lost sight of in the means. The result, we know, is for the most part greatly disproportioned to the effort. In this, as in other cases, it may be well to resort to first principles. Suppose the beautiful collect fully answered, which the Church has provided for Quinquagesima Sunday, and that God had sent his Holy Ghost, and poured into our hearts the most excellent gift of charity,—on what better scale, more equitable towards men, more pleasing to Him, can it be exercised, than on that which his Apostle has directed, each giving “as God hath prospered” him? At what more reasonable periods, considering the uncertainty of life, and the instability of fortune, can we account with ourselves, and with God, for the worldly goods which he has lent us, than once in a week? On what day of the week so fitly, as on “the first day,” and the best, which crowns and blesses all the seven? What association so well and happily adjusted for uniting and encouraging the efforts of individuals and families, as the parochial,—the flock combining with, and guided, by its pastor? And what more appropriate completion of the whole, and binding of all in one, than the union of all the parishes in the diocese, to make for common wants a common treasury,—the shepherds severally collecting the contributions of their flocks, under the direction of him who is chief among them, that he may be the more their servant,—the “offerings of the Church,” being thus made ready, that, as Paul directed, there be no time lost in “gatherings” when he comes? Here is no complicated organization, to involve and to perplex; but all is plain and simple. Here is no “getting up” of a new contrivance, to work with, just as long as it is new, and then give place to one more novel; but the adoption of a system coeval with the Church. Here is no array of offices and titles, to enkindle vanity first, and then confusion and strife; for the Clergy alone, as fathers in their families, are charged with its direction.—Here is no temptation to give except for giving’s sake, and no discouragement of the widow’s mite, by its invidious contrast with the rich man’s talent. And, not the least, all is done and kept, literally *within the Church, as the Church*; and they who know best where the means are, and what the wants are, are alone entrusted with their collection, and with their appropriation. And though for the present, to recommend and aid the work, specific sums must be proposed, and express subscriptions encouraged, who can tell—nay as Christians, may we not confidently trust?—but that in this way, striving earnestly together, and looking up with fervent prayer to Him who alone giveth the increase, Christian men may be brought to consider themselves, as they are, God’s stewards, and led to the *literal* adoption of the Apostle’s precept, in giving “as God hath prospered” them,—yea, deeming nothing of the things which they possess *their own*, but holding all *in trust*, for God’s glory and the good of man?

Upon you, dear brethren, under God, whatever shall be accomplished towards an end so much to be desired, must chiefly depend. To your

actual labours indeed it will not greatly add. An additional service, though valuable in keeping up and increasing the interest of the people, is not essential; since the "offerings" may be collected at morning or evening prayer. And for the adjustment of the whole account, when once the plan is organized, an hour in each month will be sufficient. But it will demand your constant attention. It will need your deep and heartfelt interest. It will require you to be willing to take account, for the Lord's sake and his poor, of sixpences and cents. To such attention, to such interest, to such condescension, I need not, I am sure, exhort you. You know, as I do, the urgent wants which press upon us for spiritual relief. You have not forgotten, and will not fail to urge upon the people of your charge, those words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." You have not failed to consider the injustice, as well as the inexpediency of inviting and relying upon the bounty of the rich, to the neglect of the smaller contributions of their less favoured brethren in Christ. And as you break seal after seal, as I have done, to take out of its little envelope, and enter scrupulously in the book, the single cent, which constitutes the "offering" of the poor widow, or, it may be, of the negro boy, you will remember her, who, of old, cast in "two mites, which make a farthing," into the treasury of God, and His approving and ennobling sentence, who declared that *she* had cast in more than all the rich.

Commending you, and all the people of our common care, to HIM from whom alone "all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed," I am, dear brethren, your affectionate and faithful friend and fellow servant in Christ Jesus,

G. W. DOANE,

Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Burlington, Nov. 25, 1833.

P. S. The Wardens of vacant parishes are requested to bring the subject before the congregations with whose interests they are charged. It is but just to say that such parishes and Missionary stations alone can properly expect assistance from the "Offerings of the Church," as, in proportion to their ability, have shown themselves willing to contribute. The reverend Clergy, (in vacant parishes, the Wardens,) are requested to state in their parochial reports the mode adopted by them, and the result.

G. W. D.

The extracts which follow, from the Address and Journal of last year, in connexion with the Pastoral Letter, will present the whole subject.

"All that is needed is the love of Christ to move us to the effort, faith to attempt and to pursue it, and method, *Christian* method, in its prosecution. Let the Churchmen of New Jersey adopt, in earnest, the direction of St. Paul to them of Galatia, and at Corinth, and the result is sure. 'Upon the first day of the week, let every one of

you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.* Let every one who desires the prosperity of the Church determine, that hence forward he will follow the Apostle's rule; and the treasury of the Lord will, from that time, be like the widow's cruse. The weekly appropriation of *five cents*, by every worshipper in our communion—and if there be any that cannot give five, let him give *one*!—would fully meet our whole necessities. Think how small an acknowledgment it would be, brethren, to Him who gives us all! Seriously reflect with yourselves, that the call is made in *His* name, who alone gives the blessing to your plans, and to your labours; that *He* knows—and will take strict account of—your ability; and that *he* alone is truly rich, however poor in this world's goods, who is 'rich in faith,' 'rich in good works,' 'rich towards God,'—and then begin at once the blessed appropriation. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'"

On this portion of the Address, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Convention :

"1. *Resolved*, That at the instance of the Bishop, it is affectionately recommended to every Episcopalian of this Diocese, to commence immediately, and henceforth to continue, a weekly appropriation and contribution for the promotion of Christian knowledge and piety, on the principle recommended by St. Paul, in 1st Corinthians, xvi. 2.—'Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him;'—it being recommended that at least five cents each week be given; the proceeds of such appropriation to constitute an annual fund, to be known as the 'Offerings of the Church.'

"2. *Resolved*, That at the instance of the Bishop, it be affectionately and earnestly recommended to the Clergy in each parish, and where there is no Clergyman, to the Wardens, to promote and to take charge of this contribution.

"3. *Resolved*, That the appropriation constituting the fund to be known as the 'Offerings of the Church,' be paid at or before each annual Convention, to the Treasurer of the Diocese, and be held subject to the direction of the Bishop, and two Clergymen, and two Laymen, to be annually elected as Trustees of the 'Offerings of the Church;' who shall make report to each annual Convention of the purposes to which the fund has been appropriated.

"4. *Resolved*, That the provisions of the above resolutions are not designed to discourage contributions in other forms heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, for the promotion of similar objects."

* 1 Cor. xvi. 2.

In the following Postscript to the Address, the plan is stated more in detail, and enforced by additional considerations.

POSTSCRIPT.

"Nothing could have been more gratifying to me, nor, I think, more auspicious to the best interests of the Church, than the zeal and unanimity with which the Report of the very respectable Committee appointed on this portion of the Address, was received, and the resolutions for carrying it into effect adopted, by the Convention. I take this occasion again to solicit most earnestly the attention of my brethren of the Clergy and Laity to this most important subject. A plan is now before them, which, in the judgment of all,* is perfectly *feasible*; and which, if adopted, the simplest arithmetical calculation suffices to prove *effectual*. But there is no plan so good that it will *work of itself*. Upon the Clergy must devolve the duty of arranging in each parish the details of the operation; of urging to a zealous, liberal, and persevering engagement in it; and of collecting and transmitting its results. Upon the Laity devolves the *duty*, shall I call it?—no, the blessed *privilege*!—to give 'as God hath prospered them.' 'The question has been asked, 'how shall the money be collected?' I answer, it matters not, so that it be done. Only let the will exist, and the work will soon be accomplished. I would suggest, however, to *all*, 'high and low, rich and poor, one with another,' a few plain, practical considerations.

"1. Let it be regarded as the privilege of *every one*, 'young men and maidens, old men and children,' to give *something* to the 'Offerings of the Church.'

"2. Let every one make a conscience of giving, in the Apostle's phrase, '*as God hath prospered him*;' and let all strive very hard to give '*at least five cents a week*.'

"3. Let what is given be given on the *principle of sacrifice*—they who have to earn it, working a little longer and a little harder; they who have it earned to their hand, retrenching some superfluity; little children taking so much from the money they have to spend. His was a noble resolution, who would not offer unto the Lord his God of that *which cost him nothing*.

"4. Let all make it a rule to appropriate *weekly*, and 'on the *first day of the week*.' It will be given more freely in the *small fraction*, than in the *gross sum*. The money contributed, or solemnly appropriated, will be *out of the way of temptation*. There will be thus to every one a *weekly reminiscence* of his inestimable Christian privileges. There is a peculiar fitness in remembering on the *day of our chief joy*, those to

* See an excellent sermon on this subject, by the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, A. M. Rector of Trinity Church, Utica, (N. Y.,)—entitled "The Apostolic Rule, or Systematic Charity."

when the blessings of the sanctuary come not at all, or never, and imperfectly.

"5. Let my brethren of the Clergy, call it no easy matter, *remember himself as charged with this enterprise of Christian benevolence*. Let them consent, *at once*, with their Wardens, vestry-men, and parishesmen, as to the best way of making the *collections*—the *apportionments*, I take for granted. Let them encourage the rich to give of their abundance, and the poor of their pittance, remembering that what is so given, is *due* to the Lord, who will repay it again. Let them obtain the collections *as frequently as possible—weekly* if they can;—and remit them, at once to the Treasurer, that *the Church may lose no interest*.

Let it be remembered that in every congregation which shall furnish *one hundred persons*, paying, *on an average, five cents*, in every week of every year, a perpetual 'offering' of *ten hundred and fifty dollars per annum* will be made:—and let none despise 'the day of small things,' nor be 'weary in well doing.'

"Finally, let all remember the magnitude, in time, and for eternity of the objects proposed! Let all remember that He, in whose name we ask, is the same who fills their barns with plenty, and blesses the labour of their hands! Let all remember those words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE'."



REPORT

OF

THE TRUSTEES OF THE "OFFERINGS OF THE CHURCH."

In Convention, May 1834.

The Trustees of the "Offerings of the Church," report that there have been received from the Churches hereinafter named, the following sums:—

St. Mary's Church, Burlington	-	-	-	-	-	\$271 59
Trinity Church, Swedesborough	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
St. Mark's Church, Orange	-	-	-	-	-	49 15
St. Peter's Church, Morristown	-	-	-	-	-	32 06
St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City	-	-	-	-	-	14 58
St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy	-	-	-	-	-	- 15 00
St. John's Church, Elizabethtown	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
St. James' Church, Knowlton, St. Luke's Church, Hope, and Christ Church, Johnsonsburch	-	-	-	-	-	44 32
Trinity Church, Newark	-	-	-	-	-	149 20
Christ Church, Newton	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
St. Peter's Church, Freehold	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Christ Church, New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-	82 98
Zion Church, Belvidere	-	-	-	-	-	38 00
Missionary Station, at Dover	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. James' Church, Piscataway, and Trinity Church, Woodbridge	-	-	-	-	-	12 51

making in all, the sum of \$862 39;—that there have been paid, to the following Missionaries under the direction of the Bishop, the sums named below,—

The Rev. Mr. Freeman	-	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
The Rev. Mr. Hooker	-	-	-	-	-	53 55
The Rev. Mr. Starr	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
The Rev. Mr. Arnold	-	-	-	-	-	50 00

making in all the sum of \$178 55;—that there remains, therefore, disposable for further purposes, the sum of \$683 84.

In regard to future appropriations, the Trustees recommend that there be paid by the Bishop, *one tenth* of the whole sum above named, as the proceeds of the year, to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, as the "Offerings of the Church," in the diocese of New Jersey, for the general purposes of the Society; and that the re-

mainder be appropriated, under the direction of the Bishop, to Missionary purposes in the diocese of New Jersey.

(Signed,)

CLARKSON DUNN,	} Trustees.
GEORGE Y. MOREHOUSE,	
DAYTON I. CANFIELD.	

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CONVENTION ON THE
"OFFERINGS OF THE CHURCH."

In Convention, May, 1834.

The Committee on the "Offerings of the Church," made the following Report; which was accepted, and ordered to be entered on the Journal:—

The Committee on the "Offerings of the Church," report, that although there has been afforded evidence of the beneficial results of the plan proposed last year by the Bishop, it does not appear to have been fully and effectually carried into operation. It is therefore recommended that the Clergy, *immediately* after the rising of the Convention, take measures to bring the subject prominently before their respective congregations; and that for this purpose they make personal application to each individual of their respective cures, for a subscription on this plan; that the subscriptions be collected in the manner proposed in the late Pastoral Letter of the Bishop; and that they take effect from the date of the rising of the Convention.

For the Committee,

HENRY M. MASON, *Chairman*.

O LORD, WHO HAST TAUGHT US THAT ALL OUR DOINGS WITHOUT CHARITY ARE NOTHING WORTH; SEND THY HOLY GHOST, AND POUR INTO OUR HEARTS THAT MOST EXCELLENT GIFT OF CHARITY, THE VERY BOND OF PEACE, AND OF ALL VIRTUES; WITHOUT WHICH, WHOSOEVER LIVETH IS COUNTED DEAD BEFORE THEE: GRANT THIS FOR THINE ONLY SON JESUS CHRIST'S SAKE. AMEN.

"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."

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